

*“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 1:7)*

### 3. SUFFICIENCY IN GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9b-10)

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Power

Quote – God chooses defeated people to do dominant things.

*“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Power

TO PRAISE FOR INFIRMITY

*“For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.” (Psalm 31:13)*

*“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12)*

*“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:3-5)*

TO EXPERIENCE STRENGTH

**Quote:** “Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.” — **Jeremiah Burroughs**

**Quote:** “God is a good God – The peace of God has at its foundation the fact that God does all things well.”

### CONCLUSION

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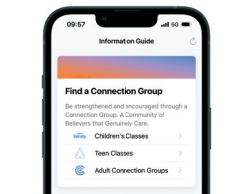
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**Kid City Building Grand Opening**  
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# TRUSTING GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

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## Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

*"It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. 6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*"And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:21-22)*

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,..." (Romans 8:28-29)*

## 1. SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

### A. Paul Had Been \_\_\_\_\_

*"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." (Philippians 4:12)*

**Quote:** "Certainly Paul was given divine revelations that no other man saw or heard. He was God's chosen instrument to reveal to the world the greatness of God's grace. The "third heaven" (v. 2) is paradise, the very heaven of the presence of God. Paul himself said nothing about this experience lest any Christian start honoring him more than he deserved. What humility!"

—Warren Wiersbe

### B. Paul Was \_\_\_\_\_

*"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." (Proverbs 16:18-19)*

### THROUGH A TRIAL

*"Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. 14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me." (Galatians 4:13-15)*

*"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:29)*

### FOR A PURPOSE

*"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6)*

## 2. SUFFICIENCY IN GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-9a)

### A. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

### B. God's \_\_\_\_\_

### GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

**Quote:** "I will embrace my weakness that I may glory in my Christ."

### I AM COMPLETE IN HIS GRACE

**Quote:** "God is not attracted to our strengths, but to our weaknesses."

*"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence." (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)*