

*If it's chronic it may be demonic*

August 27

Have you ever had a problem that just would not go away, a problem that no matter what you did, no remedy seemed sufficient? The Apostle Paul faced such a problem in 2 Corinthians 1. He called it a thorn in his flesh, a messenger of Satan, sent to buffet him. The word “buffet” means to knock down over and over again, so that each time the Apostle Paul felt he had victory, this enemy would return and knock him down again. It became so tiring that the Apostle Paul cried out to God for help. The answer God gave continues to give us hope today. God told the Apostle Paul that His grace was sufficient. If you find yourself with a problem that just won't go away, it too may have its root in the demonic realm, a messenger of Satan, sent to discourage you in an attempt to make you give up and give in. Don't be defeated! Cry out to God and you will find that God's grace is sufficient for you as well.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Lord, I pray that you would remove all temptations, pressures, and problems from my life which desire to cause my defeat. However, those which You allow for the seasons of Your will, I pray that You would give me the grace to endure and through my weakness find Your strength, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Scriptures for Today*

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NKJV)