

## II. Apostle Paul on Unanswered Prayer

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

1. Even the most spiritual Christians may experience unanswered prayers.
2. The reason behind the unanswered prayers may or may not be known.
3. We desperately want God to give us what we want — God desperately wants to give Himself to us.

*"My grace is sufficient for you ..."*

*"Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing,  
poor, yet make many rich,  
having nothing, and yet possessing everything."*

2 Corinthians 6:10

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## God Always Answers Prayer\*

\*but not always how we want

### I. Jesus on Unanswered Prayers

The Request (Prayer) of James and John

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

<sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

<sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

<sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with;<sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

Mark 10:35-40

1. We don't know what we are asking for.
2. We are not mature enough.
3. God has His sovereign plan.

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