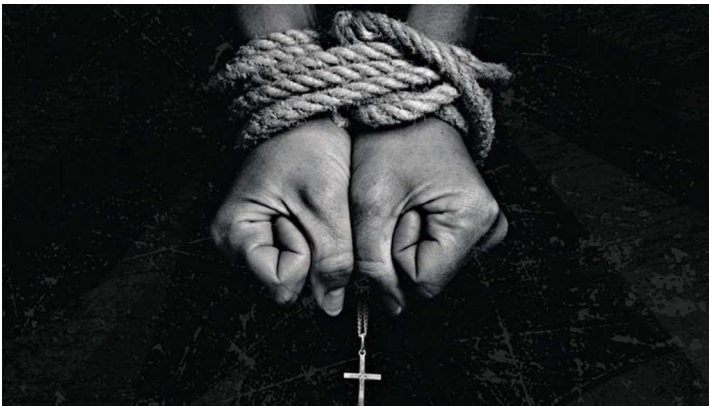




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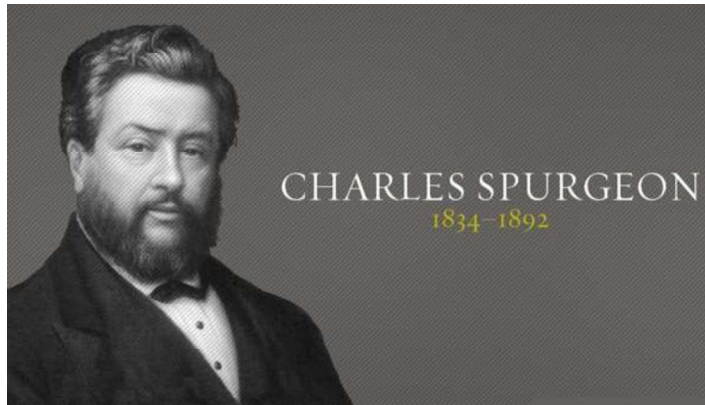
‘From Attalia [Paul and Barnabas] sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.’ (Acts 14:26)



‘Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move.

I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

I have laboured and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.'
(2 Corinthians 11:24-28)



'...I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore...when I am weak, then I am strong.'
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

'[Paul and Barnabas] returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,' they said.' (Acts 14:21-22)

'God did not change the situation by removing the affliction; He changed it by adding a new ingredient: grace...God did not give Paul any explanations; instead, He gave him a promise: "My grace is sufficient for thee." We do not live on explanations; we live on promises...[for] promises generate faith, and faith strengthens hope.'
(Warren Wiersbe, *Be Encouraged*)



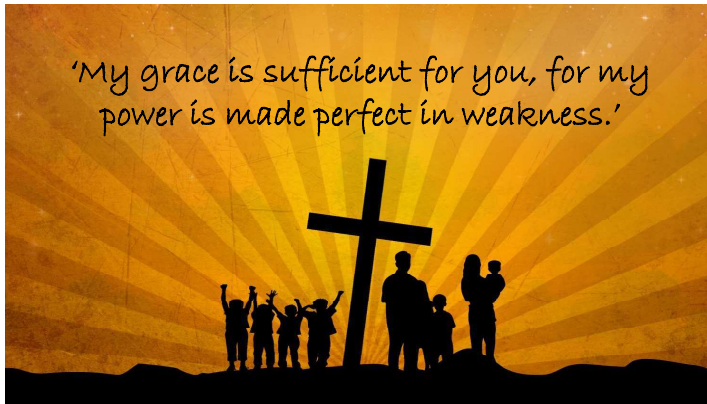
'...since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses,...

but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

'Come to me, all
you who are weary
and burdened...'
(Matt. 11:28)



'My grace is sufficient for you, for my
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before Your throne of grace**

