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\_\_\_\_\_ allows others to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in us

*2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...*

*Philippians 1:29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,*

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## 5 Paradoxes of Grace

Grace—part 7

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Difficulties lead us to discover God’s power for ourselves.

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The life of Christ will be made known in us and through us!

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**We discover God's \_\_\_\_\_ through "unanswered" prayer.**

*2 Corinthians 12:7 (RSV) And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.*

*2 Corinthians 12:8 (RSV) Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me;*

*2 Corinthians 12:9a (RSV) ...but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

*2 Corinthians 12:9b (RSV) I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

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**We discover power when we \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*2 Corinthians 12:10 (RSV) For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**An eternal \_\_\_\_\_, enabling us not to give up \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Proverbs 26:12 (RSV) Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

*1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

*John 7:24 (RSV) Do not judge by appearances but judge with right judgment.*

*2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

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