



HAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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Why would God trust such fragile vessels with His treasure?

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- A) Satan sent him a secret message.
- B) Satan sent him something that could have defeated him.
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- D) God gave him something he didn't understand.

What does God's promise mean in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you"?

- A) God's grace is enough.
- B) God's grace is hard to get.
- C) God's grace is what we need.
- D) God's grace makes our problems worse.

How would you explain the puzzling words in 2 Corinthians 12:10, "...For when I am weak, then I am strong."

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To what does Paul compare the message of Jesus that we bring to the world?

- A) Treasure.
- B) Candy.
- C) A meal.

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