**“When God Says No”**

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

**God’s lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not an argument for or against His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.* ***8*** *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.* ***9*** *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.* ***10*** *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 12:7b-10 (TNIV)

**God will leverage His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if we learn to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for an answer.**

**Implications of this passage:**

1. **We have permission to ask God to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **God has permission to say, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **God may choose to showcase His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **We can’t experience God’s sustaining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while resisting His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**