

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

6.26.22 - GOD WON'T GIVE ME MORE THAN I CAN HANDLE.



CONNECT TO EACH OTHER

What's a "one-liner" you've heard recently that sounds spiritual?

This week we're looking at the expression, "God won't give me more than I can handle." Have you ever said that to yourself? Why did you believe it to be true?

CONNECT TO GOD

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: *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.*

How do these verses seem consistent with the adage "God won't give me more than I can handle"? How do they expose the statement's faulty theology?

Discuss how someone can be strong in weakness.

Weakness is something we avoid showing in our culture. How, as a Christian, do you resolve your impulse to keep your weaknesses hidden when God reveals that His power "is made perfect in weakness"? Do you think Paul is telling us to be more open about our own vulnerabilities? Why or why not?

God told Paul that His grace was sufficient for dealing with the unnamed "thorn in his flesh." Rather than continue to pray for its removal, Paul accepted God's answer that the thorn would remain and used his circumstance to glorify God. Have you ever had a similar experience?

APPLY THE TEACHING

How do you think your faith would be impacted if the statement "God won't give me God more than I can handle" were biblically true?

Why do you think it's such a pervasive belief?

