

When Life Hurts | Healing & Grace

Signs & Wonders... Dream vs. Our Reality.

Common for persistence to open gateway to fruit.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7kd8guUPm8>
- Luke 18:1-8 Parable of persistent widow.

God is... Jehova Rapha and Jesus has commissioned us.

- *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest. Go your way...Heal the sick, and say to them, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you.”* Luke 10:2, 9

Even when God doesn’t heal, He is working...

- *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who¹ have been called according to his purpose”.* Romans 8:28

Theme... Pray big for signs & wonders with one hand and grab grace with the other.

God BLESSES us with positives.

“I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord.”

- ⇒ Paul’s visions, Acts 9:3-6; 16:6-10; 18:9-10; 22:17-18; 23:11; 27:23-24; Galatians 1:12

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

- ⇒ 14 years ago... Caught up = raptured (1 Thess. 4: 17)
- ⇒ 3 heavens... Terrestrial, Celestial, Paradise of God.
- ⇒ Positives train us that God is good (Psalm 34:18)

³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should

choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

God BUILDS us with negatives.

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.

- ⇒ Thorn = unknown but likely eye condition Gal. 4:13-15; 5:11
- ⇒ Who gave the thorn _____ or Satan? Job 1-2,

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.

- ⇒ “Grace is God acting in your life to (give you power) to accomplish what you can’t do on your own.” Dallas Willard...Psalm 18:31-36
- ⇒ Examples of Grace...
- ⇒ How do we grab hold of grace?

God BROADCASTS His Kingdom with signs & wonders

¹¹ I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it. I ought to have been commended by you, for I am not in the least inferior to the “super-apostles,” even though I am nothing. ¹² I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.

My Takeaway: _____

