Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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God's Grace is Sufficient

by George Slover

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Several years ago I stood in the living room with a wife and two daughters who had lost their husband and father in a tractor accident. The day began like any other normal day, but by noon the lives of these three had been changed forever.

As I tried to console this family the words of God came to mind: "my grace is sufficient". Paul had asked the Lord three times to remove a thorn in the flesh. God's answer was "no, my grace is sufficient". Paul then added," Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10) The apostle had learned the important lesson of dependence on Christ.

The experiences of life constantly remind us of such dependence which accounts for the common practice of prayer. Man feels helpless by the constant demands of life, thus they call upon God. Believers are even more aware of such a need.

Pride is one of man's greatest temptations. Our spiritual prowess or worldly accomplishments may promote arrogance. Paul's temptation arose from "the abundance of revelations". However, a crisis in our life can lead us to learn to totally depend on God, and those individuals he has brought into our life to serve us.

Life's difficulties can be used by God to bring about greater maturity. Such affliction prompted Paul to rest in the power of Christ. "My strength is made perfect in weakness" is a marvelous paradox. While the body

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - October 27

Our Next Gospel Meeting with Terry Slack is scheduled for November 1-4

Gospel Meeting in San Marcos - October 30-November 1

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

suffers, the soul is filled with Christ. The experience of human frailty brings us to say: "I can't, but God can".

The cup of life can be bitter, but if God's grace abounds what does it matter? Our lives are made richer when brought closer to Divine fellowship.

Bible Reading for this week:

Monday: 1 Kings 21:1–22:12, John 8:12–30

Tuesday: 1 Kings 22:13–53, John 8:31–38

Wednesday: 2 Kings 1–2, John 8:39–47

Thursday: 2 Kings 3:1–4:37, John 8:48–59

Friday: 2 Kings 4:38–6:7, John 9:1–18

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Stinnett, Jim & Judy Trammel, Autumn Felps, Terry Berhns, Sylvia Stinnett

Doug Adair is recovering slowly.

Margaret Vanaman had surgery and is recovering. **Randall** also had a procedure done.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams, Terry Berhns.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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