



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Christian Service Brings Grace and Power

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1. Christian service brings the grace of nearness to God.
(2 Corinthians 12:1-6)



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2. Christian service brings the power to endure weakness.
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

Table Talk

- 1) In what ways do all Christian servants share in the grace that brings nearness to God? In what ways was Paul's service unique so that his nearness to God was unique? (vv. 1-4)
- 2) Why does Paul refer to himself in two different ways? (vv. 5-6) How does this allow him to refer to the mystery of his revelation experience and still not brag about it?
- 3) What do you think of "heaven tourism" books? What do you think of near death experiences? Why should we be skeptical of their truthfulness?
- 4) How does Paul describe his "thorn in the flesh"? (vv. 10) What thorns in the flesh have you experienced? Why does the Lord sometimes not relieve a thorn in the flesh? How does Christian service enable us to experience power to endure weakness? (vv. 10-12)