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**9**but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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**9**But he said to me, “My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.” So, I am happy to brag about how weak I am. Then Christ’s power can rest on me.

God said that His grace was fully capable of providing everything that Paul needed to endure his suffering and that His power is made perfect in weakness. By being weak, Christ’s power can rest on him.

In essence, God was telling Paul that He will not have us rely on ourselves in difficult times, but that He would have us rely on Him. We do not have to handle things by ourselves. God will give us the strength, and His power is perfected by our weakness. It is when we are weak that we are most powerful, and it is then when Christ’s power dwells in us.