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2 Corinthians 12:5b-10

^{5b} ...I will not boast about myself,
except about my weaknesses.

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⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth.

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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.

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Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming
conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh,
a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

2 Corinthians 12:5b-10

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.”

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Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

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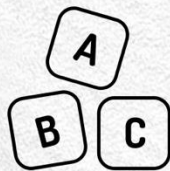
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¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Certainty #1:
There will be thorns.

Certainty #2:

Every thorn is ultimately under the sovereign, wise, and loving rule and authority of God.

Certainty #3:

God's grace will be sufficient for you.

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