***Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges**

**Chapter 10 – “Sufficiency of Grace”**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and then answer the following questions.
   1. What explanations does Paul give for why his physical suffering is not removed?
   2. Why do you suppose we don’t always get a clear explanation of why we are allowed to suffer certain things?
   3. Why can God express His power in our lives better through our weaknesses than through our strengths? (p. 162)
   4. Bridges reminds us that the word “sufficient” in 2 Cor 12:9 is the same word translated as “content” in 1 Timothy 6:8. Explain how the idea behind “content” helps us understand what “sufficient” means in 2 Cor 12:9? (p. 163)
2. From Exodus 16:16-21, what is God’s purpose in permitting Israel to gather only as much manna as each person needed per day? (pp. 164-165)
3. Read Romans 8:28-29 and then answer the following questions.
   1. What does v. 28 tell us about God purposes in life’s pains?
   2. According to v. 29, what is the ultimate “good” mentioned in v. 28?
4. In the story of the Israelites’ wanderings in the wilderness we see the total dependence of man upon God in a dramatic way. Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3.
   1. What did God do to Israel in the wilderness *before* he fed them with manna? Why did God do this to them? (p. 159)
   2. Why is it a sin to think we are self-sufficient?
   3. Why do you think it seems so easy for us today to fall into the sin of thinking we are self-sufficient?
5. Read Lamentations 3:21-26, how can we depend on the sufficiency of God’s grace with the thorns in our flesh? (Consider what Jeremiah *does* in these verses.)
6. Think of a weakness in your own life. It could be a physical problem, an emotional weakness, or difficult circumstances. In what specific ways have God’s power and grace become real in your life through this trial?