

Chapter Six
Finding Grace in Daily Life

“Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34). Though we tend to ponder the future when facing a cancer diagnosis, Jesus’ words remind us to think in the day-to-day living. Thankfully, His grace and mercy are poured out upon us daily – He will keep us, and sustain us, and uphold us by His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

How would you define a “thorn in the flesh”?

What are some other examples of Bible characters dealing with “thorns”?

Paul pleaded with God to remove his “thorn.” Is God capable of removing thorns? Is God capable of healing?

Site some examples of God’s healing using these scriptures.

1 Samuel 1:6, 19-20

2 Kings 20:1-6

Mark 5:25-34

John 5:2-9

John 9:1-7

Site some examples of God not healing using these scriptures.

2 Samuel 12:16-19

John 5:3

1 Timothy 5:23

2 Timothy 4:20

Paul understood why the “thorn” was present in his life. What might be some reasons for trials in our lives? Use these scriptures to better understand why God allows trials in our lives.

Romans 8:28

Romans 5:3-5

Acts 14:21-22

Define Grace. What role does grace play in suffering and tribulation?

Personal Reflection

List some ways you can learn to be content during a trial.