

Connecting Together

1. Have you ever had to adjust to a "new normal" in life? What made that season especially challenging?
2. When you're facing an ongoing struggle, what is your natural response: keep praying, become discouraged, try harder on your own, or something else? Why?

Connecting to the Passage

1. Read **2 Corinthians 12:1-7**

Paul says his thorn was given "to keep me from becoming conceited." What does this teach us about God's purposes in allowing ongoing struggles?

Why do you think our first instinct is often to ask God to remove our struggles instead of asking what He wants to do through them?

2. Read **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**

Paul asked God three times to remove the thorn, but God answered differently. What do you learn from Paul's response and God's answer?

Why do you think unanswered prayer is often one of the greatest tests of our faith?

God says, "My grace is sufficient for you." What does it look like to depend on God's grace one day at a time instead of waiting for your circumstances to change?

Paul viewed his "thorn" very differently by the end of this passage than he did at the beginning. What do you think changed: his circumstances or his perspective?

Connecting to Application

1. Is there an area of your life where you've been asking God to remove the pressure? How might God be inviting you to experience His grace in that situation instead?
2. Which of these three responses do you most need to embrace this week? Keep trusting Jesus with your pain, Let God's grace become enough, Let your weakness display Christ's strength. Why?
3. How could your current struggle become an opportunity for others to see Christ's strength at work in your life?

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Current Series

UNDER PRESSURE

THE PRESSURE IS REAL, GOD'S PRESENCE IS GREATER.

WELCOME

July 12, 2026



WORSHIP ORDER

CALL TO WORSHIP
WELCOME
OFFERING
GREETING
I SURRENDER
ONLY A HOLY GOD
COMMUNION
ONLY A HOLY GOD *REPRISE*
MESSAGE
HYMN OF HEAVEN
SEND OFF AND PRAYER

NORTHAMPTON
BIBLE CHURCH

Love God | Love People | Make Disciples

UPCOMING

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

In the Café at 8:30

Plan to come If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org; if you don't email, nbchurchcf.org/prayer.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

MEALS FOR THE GUGLIELMI FAMILY

Please consider making a meal for Antonio and Megan as they welcome Sophia Joy into their family. **Sign up here:** <https://mealtrain.com/0rq86v>

MEN'S CONFERENCE

ACT LIKE MEN, JULY 17-18

Free Livestream Conference

A Call to Courageous, Biblical Masculinity & Leadership. **Sign Up in the Church Center App.**

DISCOVER NORTH

Sunday, July 19

After the morning service. Meet pastors, leaders, hear the vision and find your next step. **Sign up in the Church Center App.**

YOUNG ADULTS

BONFIRE N GAMES

Saturday, July 25, 7:30-10:30pm

Bring your own chair. **See the Church Center App for more information.**

BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, July 26

Complete the form in the Church Center App.

NBKIDS



Sign up in the Church Center App!

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Wednesdays, beginning August 26, 7:30pm (for 11 weeks). **Sign up in the Church Center App!**

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

*God's grace is greater
than the pressure that remains.*

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

The pressure that feels like it's breaking you may be the very thing God is using to build you.

"My grace is sufficient for you"

Grace = the ability to _____ despite my circumstances

Sufficient = _____ than enough

Your weakness becomes the _____ for God's _____.

God displays His power when you surrender your _____.

Your _____ is evidence of His _____.

When nothing changes...

1. Keep trusting Jesus with _____
2. Let God's grace become _____
3. Let your _____ display Christ's _____

Next week: **Under Pressure**
Stronger than Before | Romans 8

SCAN TO REGISTER



Check out classes and next steps: www.nbchurchcf.org/nextsteps/

MESSAGE ARCHIVES

