

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 9.

How many of you have a verse you claim for yourself? Recently, I was speaking with a friend who has a daughter going through difficult times. She mentioned how she encouraged her daughter to have a "go-to" verse for whenever she needed to be reminded of the presence of God. Her daughter mentioned that she had received her verse during a recent sermon she heard.

My "go-to" verse was shared with me by my pastor after my father passed away. 2 Corinthians 12:9 " And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

This verse has comforted me as I have leaned on God's grace many times.

Does your "go-to" verse have to stay the same, or as God works in your life, can this verse change? I think it can change. Just as we mature in our relationship with those around us, we hopefully mature and begin to see God in various ways, leading to changing or even adding more verses.

Since the word of God is "alive or actively alive and / or constantly active and energetic or energizing" (Wuest) couldn't we see how our "go-to" verse might also change as the activity of God is played out in our lives? Especially as it pierces our souls? (Heb. 4:12)

I believe God wants to reveal Himself to us, and He has done this mightily through His word. Therefore, I think it is important to have that "go-to" verse to keep us focused on the presence and power of God. Then, as we grow and mature in our faith, we can begin to add new verses, especially as the word helps us witness to others, live truthfully as God desires, and patiently grow through the trials we face.

The first question I asked was, " How do you see God at work in your life?" Next question, "What is your "go-to" verse?"