

1ST CHRONICLES 4:10

Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.



THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

PROVERBS 10:22

The BLESSING of the Lord makes one rich,
and He adds no SORROW with it.



God wants to give you territory.

God I pray for double in my finances.

God is waiting for you to ask for it.

A black smartphone is shown from a front-facing perspective. The screen displays a light blue background with a white speech bubble on the left containing the text "I pray and pray. I can't handle this. Help me understand." Below it is a faint, empty white speech bubble on the right. The phone's notch and camera are visible at the top.

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When God Says



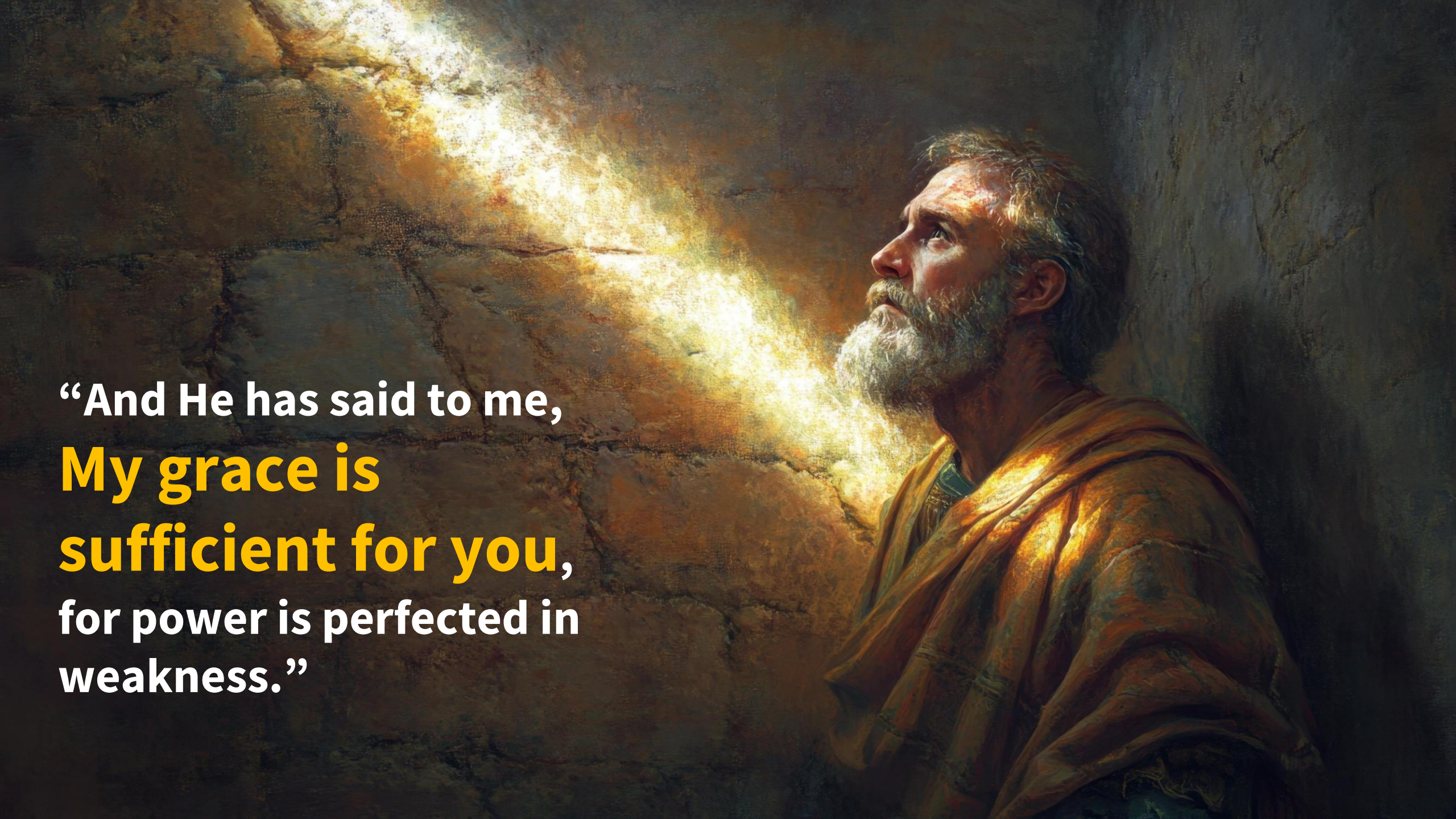
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*Dealing with Divine
Disappointment*



**“...there was given me a
thorn in the flesh, a
messenger of Satan to
torment me—to keep me
from exalting myself!
Concerning this I
implored the Lord three
times that it might leave
me.**

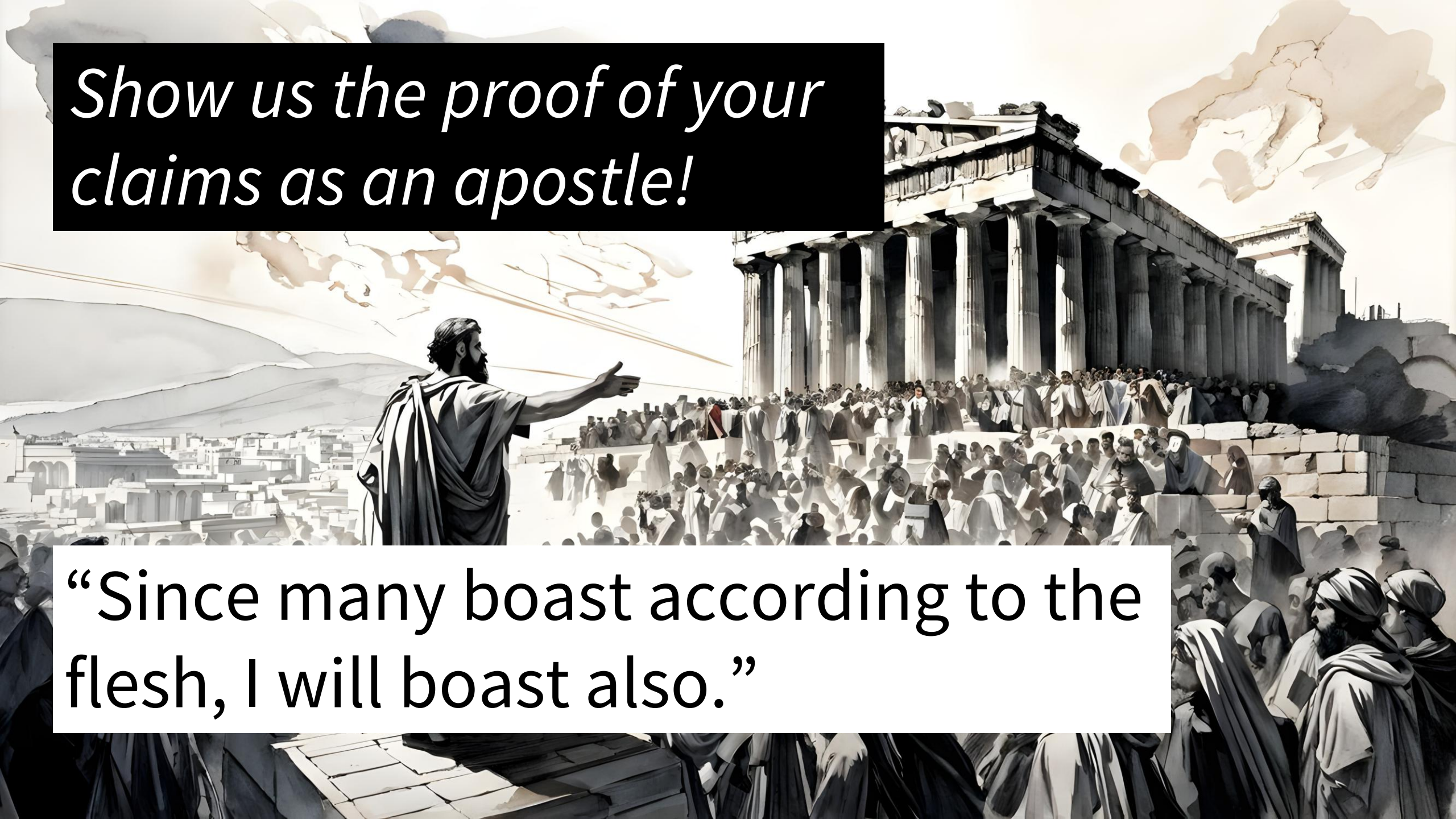


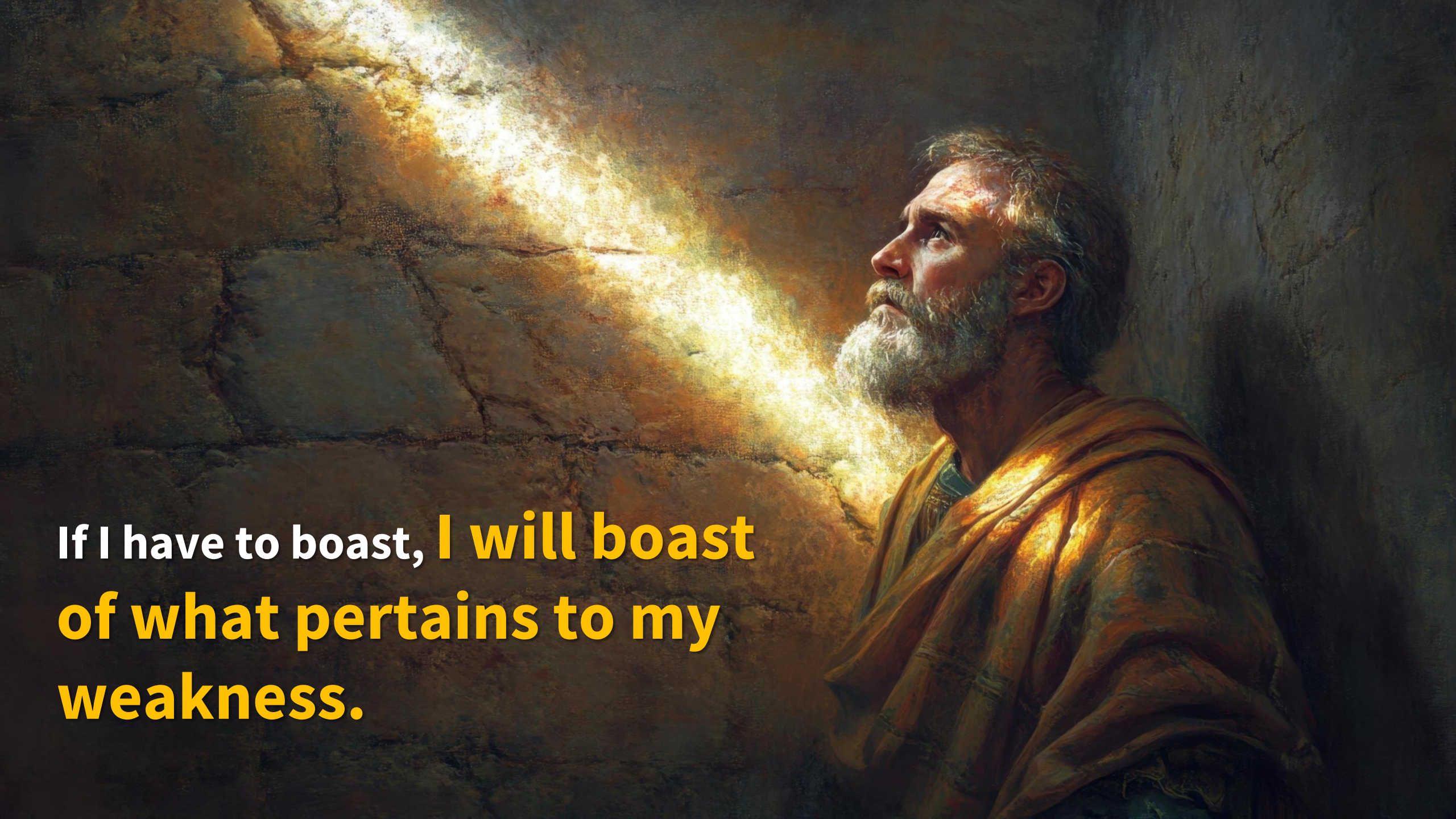
A man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a brown robe, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. He is positioned in a dark, textured environment, possibly a cave or a dark room, with a bright, glowing light source emanating from the upper left, casting a strong beam of light across the scene. The light illuminates the man's face and the texture of the surrounding walls, which appear to be made of rough stone or plaster. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

“And He has said to me,
**My grace is
sufficient for you,**
for power is perfected in
weakness.”

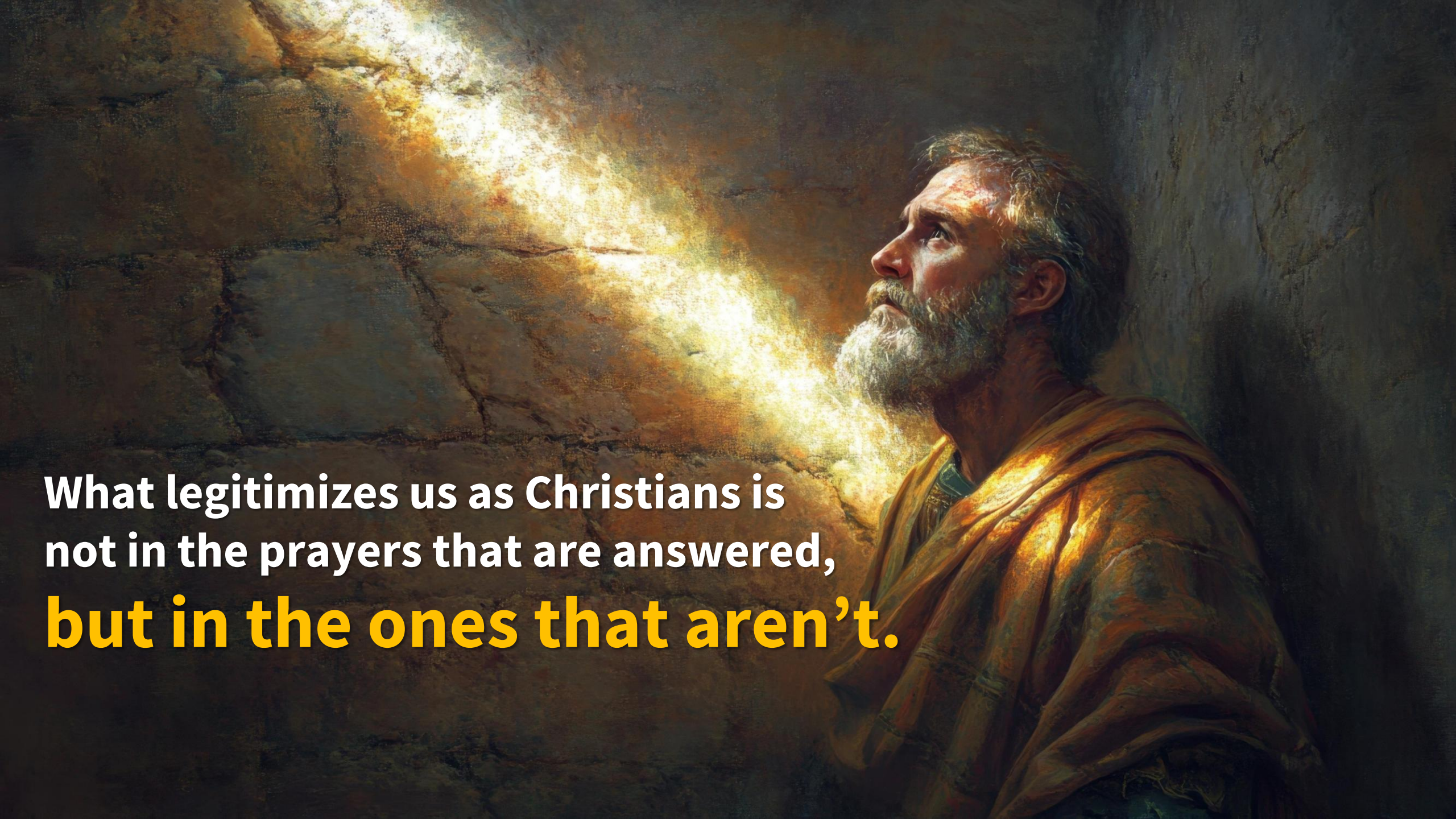
*Show us the proof of your
claims as an apostle!*

“Since many boast according to the
flesh, I will boast also.”



A dramatic oil painting of a bearded man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a brown robe. He is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. A bright, golden light emanates from a crack in the stone wall above him, illuminating his face and the wall. The background is a dark, textured stone wall. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

If I have to boast, **I will boast**
of what pertains to my
weakness.

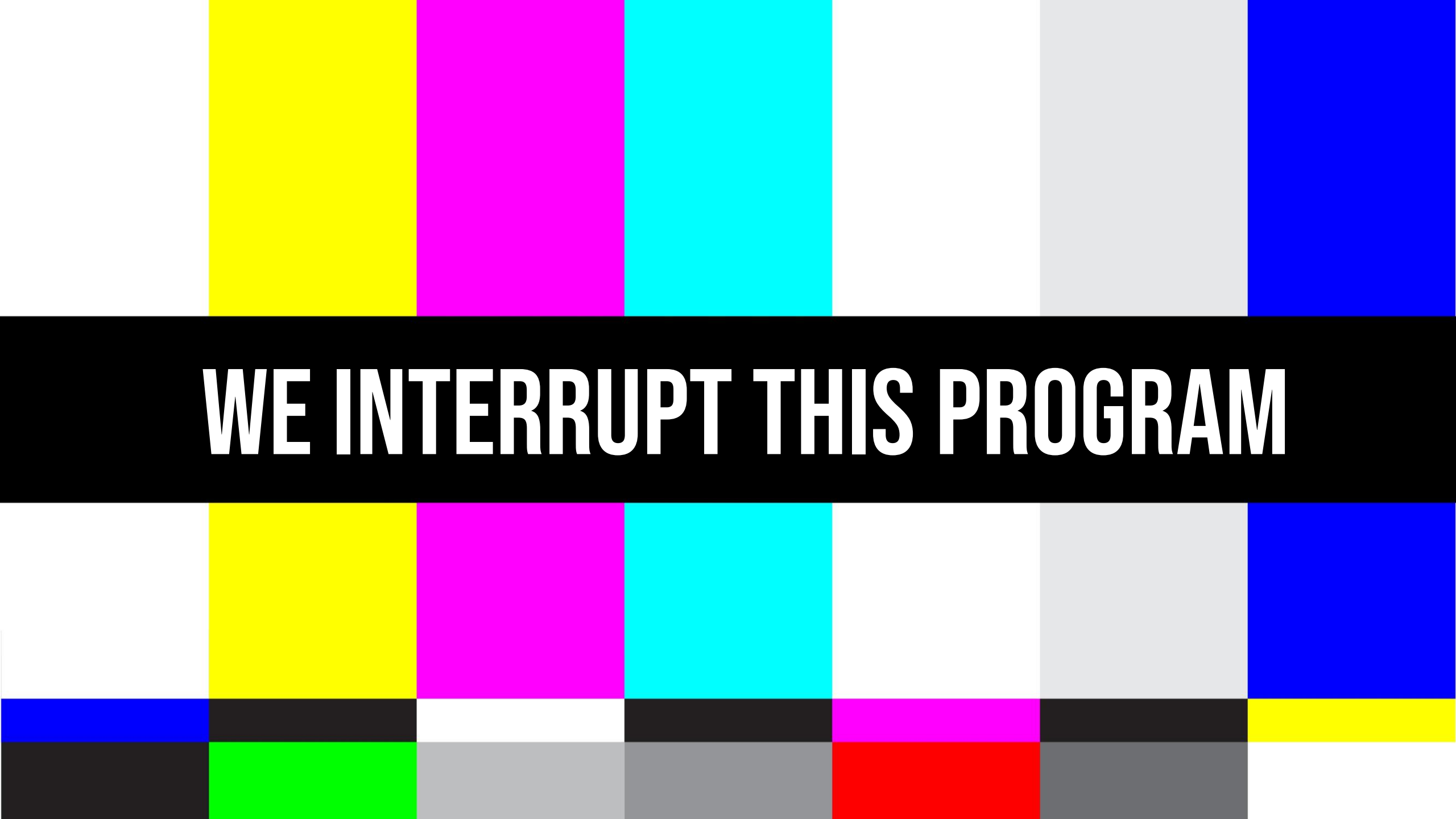
A dramatic oil painting of a man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a brown robe, looking upwards with a hopeful expression. He is positioned in the lower right, looking towards a brilliant, golden light that emanates from a crack in a dark, textured stone wall. The light creates a strong contrast, illuminating the man's face and the surrounding stone. The overall mood is one of faith and divine presence.

What legitimizes us as Christians is
not in the prayers that are answered,
but in the ones that aren't.

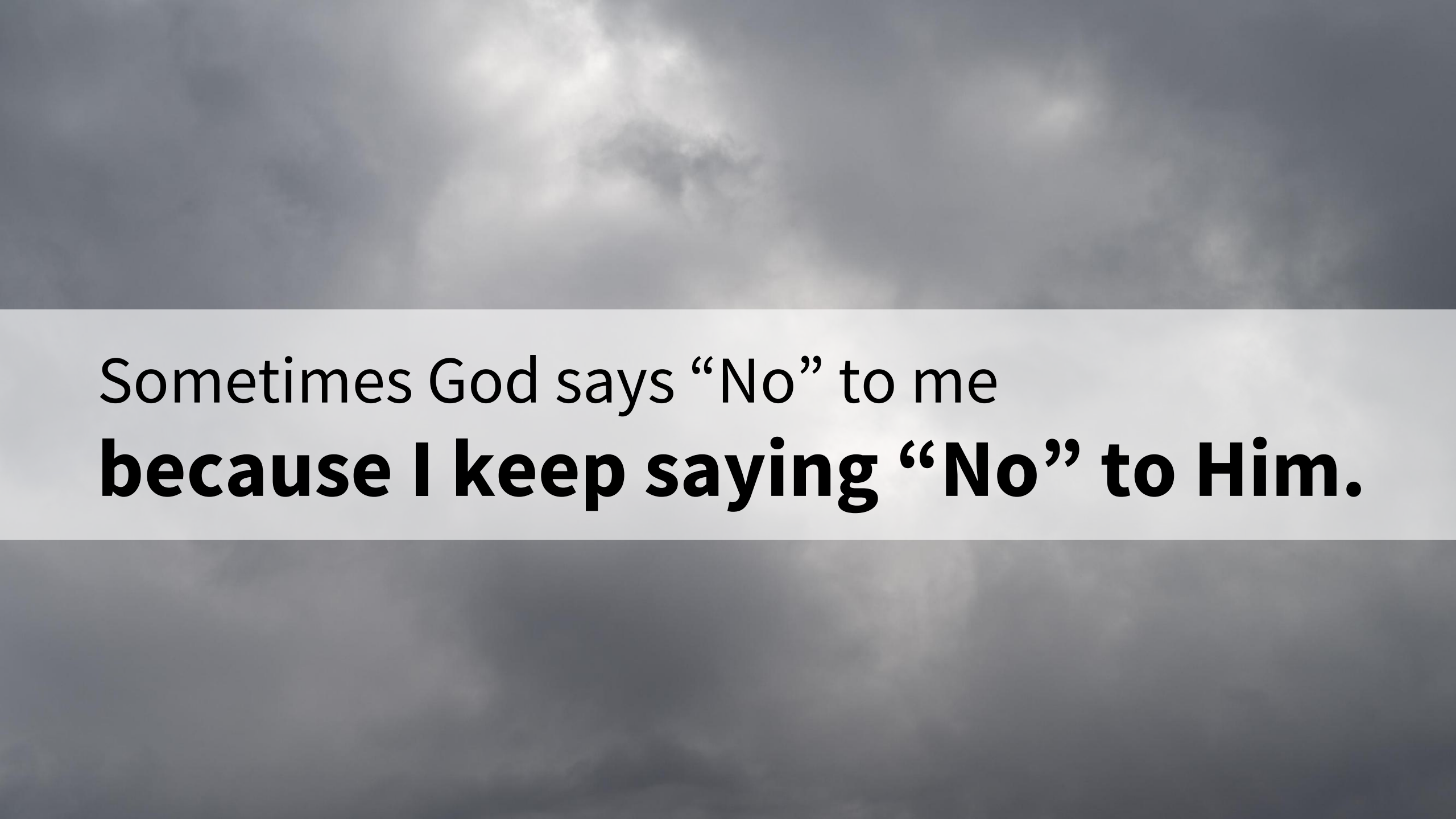
But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

In Christ, our greatest need has been cared for.

We become who God wants us to be through suffering.

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Sometimes God says “No” to me
because I keep saying “No” to Him.

Isaiah 1:15

“So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.”

Jeremiah 11:13-14

“For your gods are as many as your cities, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. “Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

Ezekiel 8:17-18

“He said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose. “Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them.”

Zechariah 7:12-13

“They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. “And just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen,” says the LORD of hosts...”



SOMETIMES I'M THE REASON GOD SAYS NO

Selfish motives
(James 4:3)

Lack of Faith
(James 1:7)

Personal Sin
(1st Peter 3:7)

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NOW BACK TO YOUR PROGRAM

WHEN GOD SAYS **NO**



Perspective

“You have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

**Remember
God’s character**

Patience

“You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

**Remember
God’s timing**

Perseverance

“Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast.”

**Remember
God’s promises**

2ND CORINTHIANS 12:10

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.