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Grace... what images does this word bring to mind? We often hear that grace is God's unmerited favor upon our lives. God's grace is the opposite of what we deserve! Yet Scripture reminds us that His grace is enough for us.

Having experienced His grace, how can we share grace with others in our life? It's not always easy to extend grace—especially when we feel that we have been wronged by someone. A great test of our own character is in how we respond to those who have disappointed us or hurt us in some way.

After sharing the Scripture, use at least three of the questions below with your group:

- What does grace mean to you?
- Have you ever experienced times in your life when God's grace didn't seem to be enough?
- Share a time that grace was extended to you.
How can we extend grace to others in our lives?
What about to those who may not deserve grace?

Anne Lamott said: "Sometimes grace works like water wings when you feel you are sinking."

- What are some water wing moments that you remember in your life?

After the sharing, you may wish to take time to discuss how as a group, accountability can be held to encourage a deeper exploration of scripture or even offer a fun challenge of memorizing a new verse per week. Be sure to hand out the Monthly Scripture Card and Take-Home Sheet.

Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.

1 Corinthians 12:9

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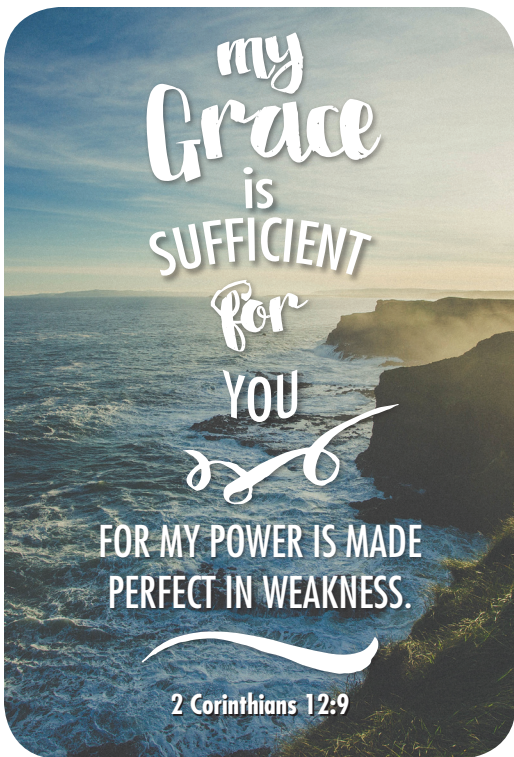
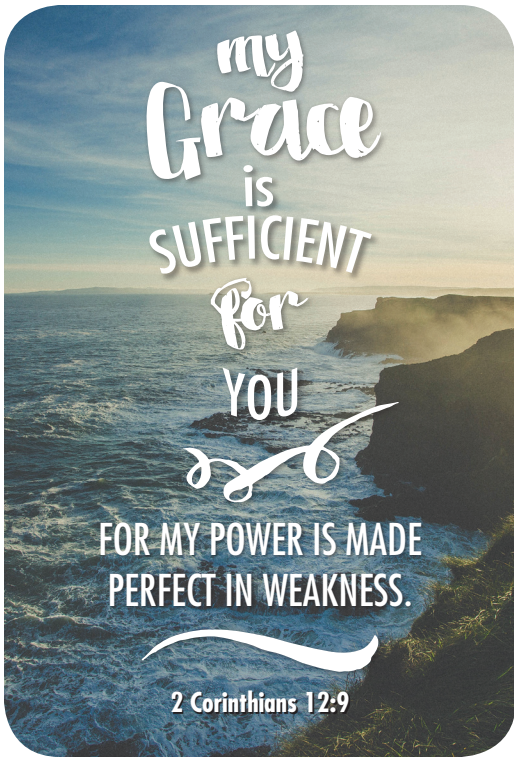
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Share a time that **grace** was extended to you. How can we **extend** grace to **others** in our lives? What about to those who may not **deserve** grace?

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Anne Lamott said: "Sometimes **grace** works like **Water Wings** when you feel you are **sinking**." What are some water wing moments that you remember in your **life**?



Are there lyrics, songs and phrases that come to mind when you think about grace? Make a playlist of these that will help you to remember God's grace – and help you to share it with others!

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