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Last week, we studied the nature and origin of God's grace ([Click here to view article](#)). God's grace is neither earned nor purchased. It is bestowed. Grace is given based on who we are and not what we have or have done. We concluded that Grace and truth are available and reachable in the Presence of God.

**Granted that Grace flows in our direction when we come into God's presence, but what happens when Grace comes? What does Grace do to a man or woman?**

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Grace empowers!! And this empowerment is transformational. It makes the poor become rich, the deserted becomes sought after, the sick become healed, the down trodden become liberated and every other positive outcome that can and cannot be conceived is possible with God's grace. Let me clearly state here that the work of grace is distinct and different from magic. Grace is real and tangible, while magic is an illusory feat. Grace follows a process and has a logic superior to human thinking but magic has not basis but deception. Grace produces sustainable and positive results while magic produces quick fixes that soon fades away. God is not a magician, He is a miracle worker which He executes by His grace.



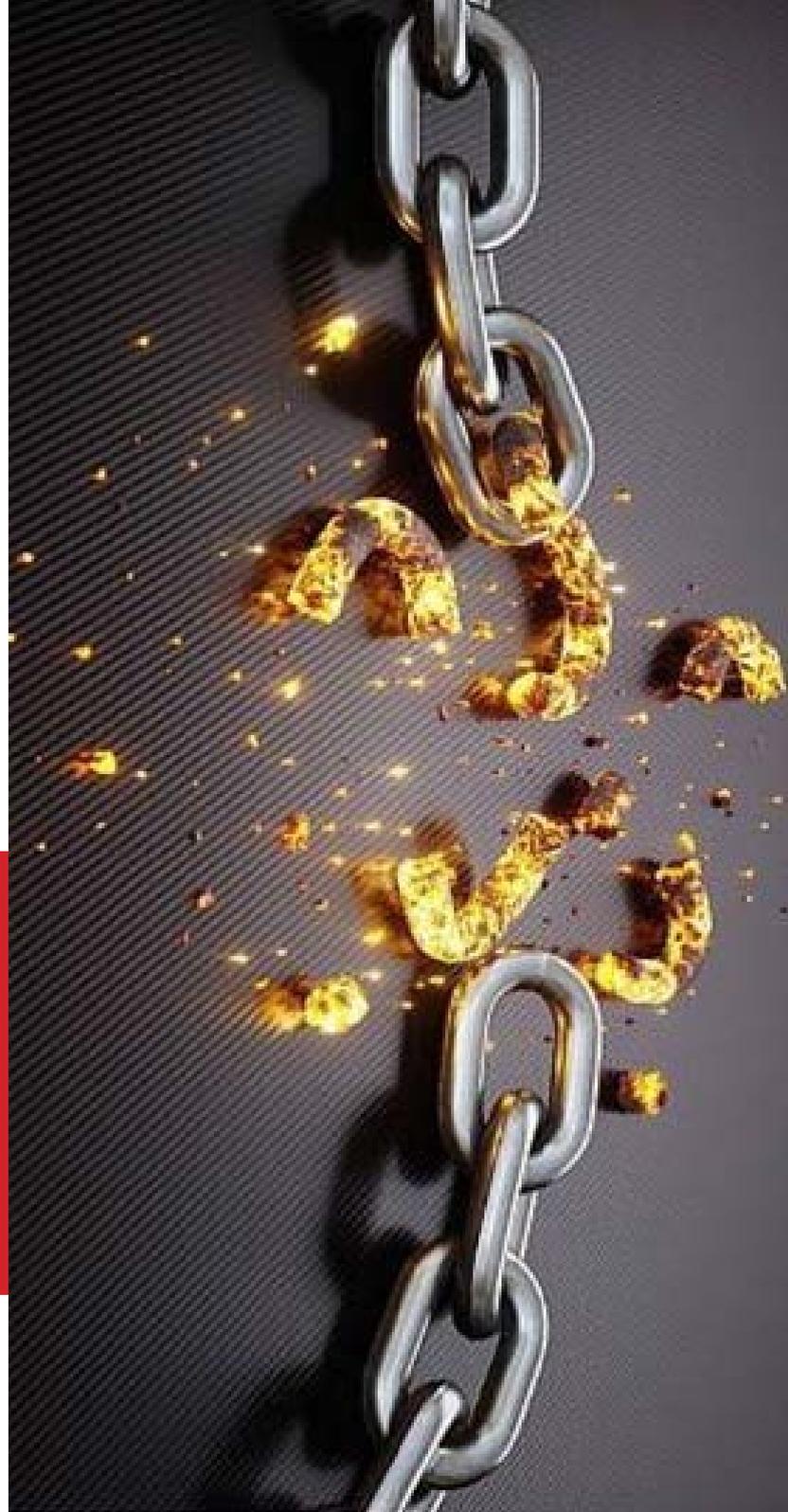
## LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW GRACE EMPOWERS:

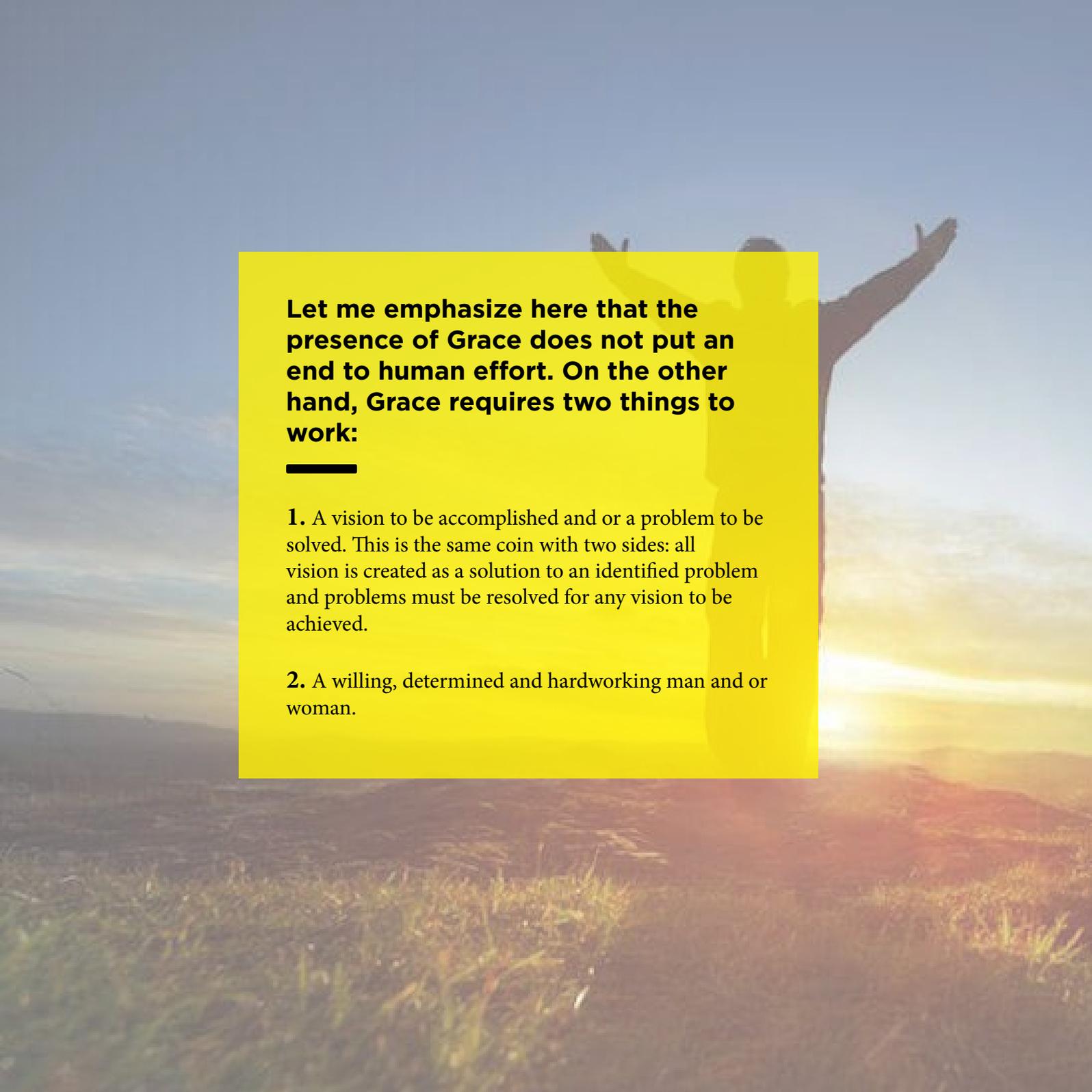
### 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (KJV)

7. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
8. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
9. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Here we read the story of a successful man who stands out in his generation. He was however struggling with a thorn in the flesh. A typical case of the *'rich also cry'*. The point here is that no one no matter how highly placed he or she is, is immune from troubles. The problem therefore is not the troubles a person is confronted with, it is the absence or presence of power (capacity) to handle them which determines the rise or fall of that person. Grace provides the resources: power, wisdom, opportunity, favor, courage and every thing else required to overcome and step over the obstacle that stands between us and victory.

*'Strength in weaknesses' refers to confronting a problem to overcome and fighting to win. The truth is that God has not promised a smooth sail, but God's grace provides a safe landing. God does not want weaklings who easily give up and run away at the slightest appearance of a problem, He delights in men and women who know how to ride on His Grace to win!*



A person stands in a field with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or praise. The background is a sunset over a landscape with rolling hills and tall grass. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

**Let me emphasize here that the presence of Grace does not put an end to human effort. On the other hand, Grace requires two things to work:**

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**1.** A vision to be accomplished and or a problem to be solved. This is the same coin with two sides: all vision is created as a solution to an identified problem and problems must be resolved for any vision to be achieved.

**2.** A willing, determined and hardworking man and or woman.

**Ezekiel 22:30**

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30 “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. *New International Version (NIV)*

*The search is still on and*  
**Grace is available**  
*to empower and transform,  
are you willing?*



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