

AMAZING
GRACE

**The
Sufficiency
of Grace!**

SERMON SERIES

How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, found





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**God's Divine
Assistance!**

Two ways Grace is used in the bible:

1. Grace is God's unmerited favor to us through Christ whereby salvation and all other blessings are freely given to us.

2. Grace is God's divine assistance to us through the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 12:6.5 -10

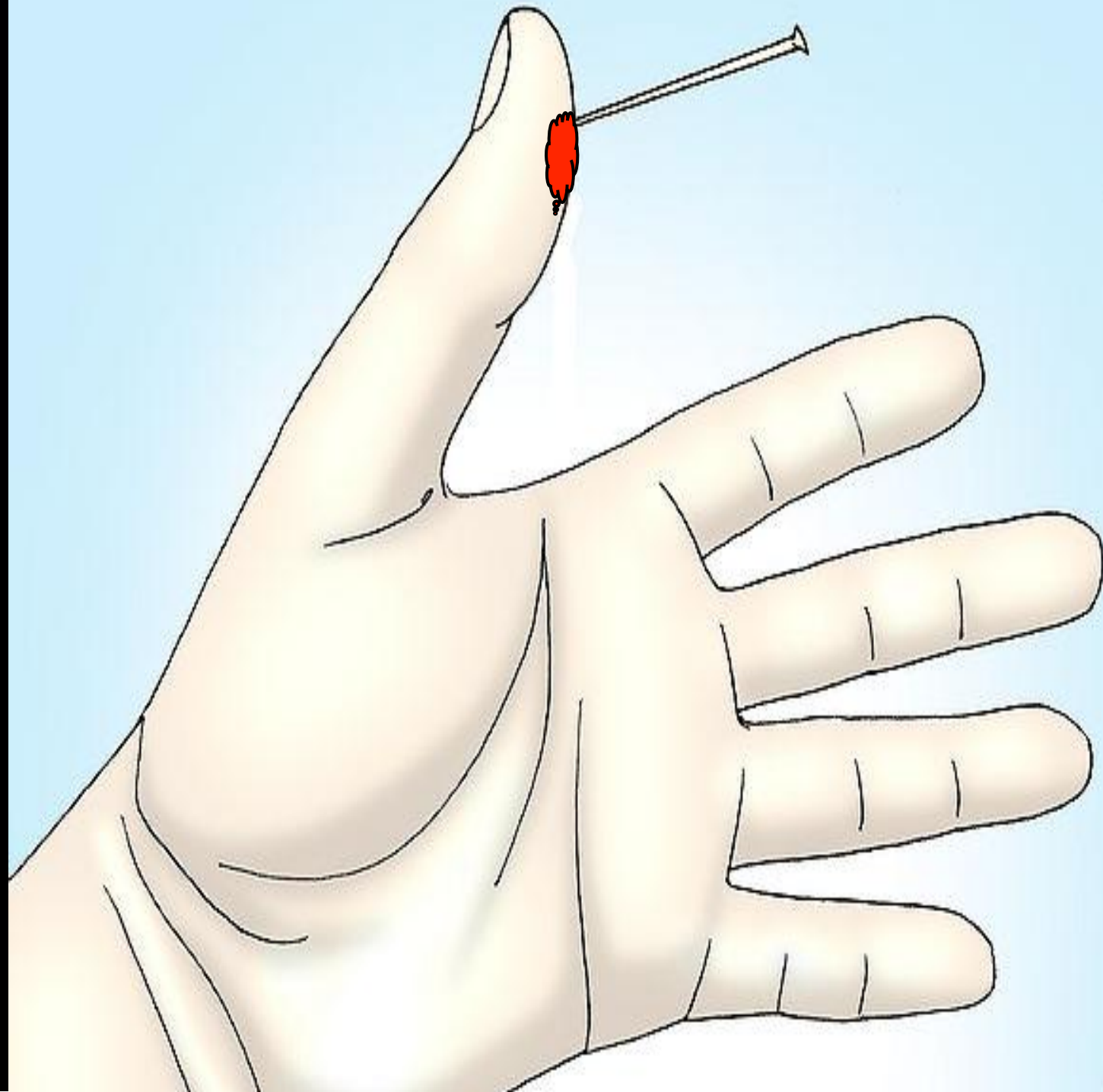
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Ephesians 3:8

Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,

1 Timothy 1:15

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Philippians 3:3-6

3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

What is your thorn?

**(The thing that reminds me
of my self-sufficiency and
makes you say to yourself,
“I can’t do this without
God!)**

Pride stands in opposition to Grace!

James 4:6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Pride = Self-Sufficiency = Sin





Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

In earlier lessons we looked at how grace assumes our sinfulness, guilt and that we deserve nothing.

Now we see that

**Grace assumes our weakness
and inability!**

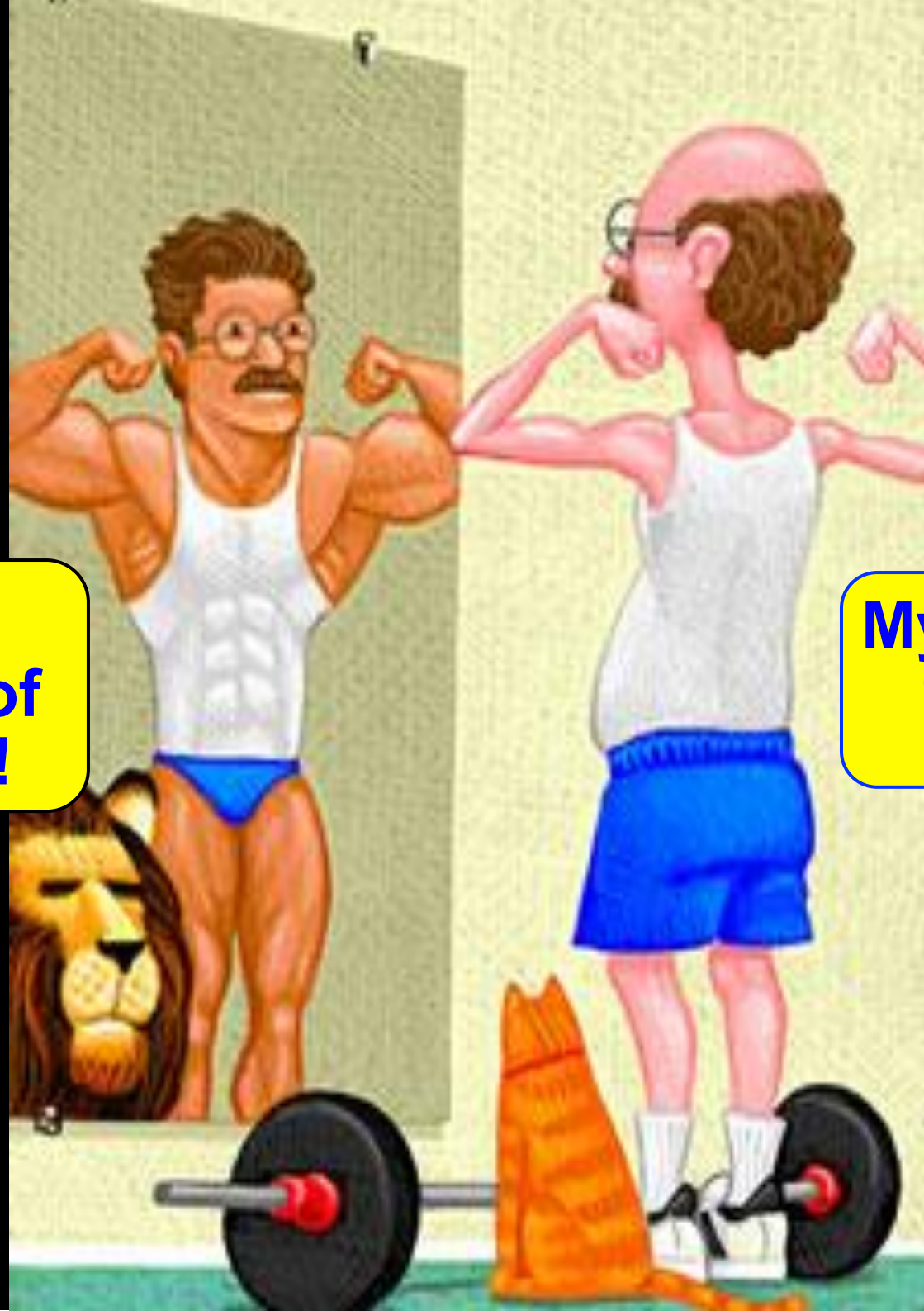
John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**Before we learn the sufficiency of
God's Grace we must learn the
insufficiency of ourselves!**

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**The
Power of
Grace!**

**My power
(or lack of
power)**

Humility = God's sufficiency = Grace

Grace is enough!