



## 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 NIV

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## Philippians 4:10-12 NIV

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.



## Jeremiah 9:23-24 NIV

23 This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, 24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.

Previous Scripture: Philippians 4:10-12;

2 Corinthians 12:6-10



# I. Sweet Because it is Unmerited



2 Corinthians 12:6-7 NIV

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# I. Sweet Because it is Unmerited



1 Peter 5:10 NIV

And **the God of all grace**, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Previous Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:6-7;

Jeremiah 9:23-24; Philippians 4:10-12



# I. Sweet Because it is Unmerited



Hebrews 4:16 NIV

Let us then approach God's **throne of grace** with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



## II. Sweet Because it is Unlimited



2 Corinthians 12:8-9a NIV

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1 Peter 5:10; 2 Corinthians 12:6-7



## II. Sweet Because it is Unlimited



2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Previous Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:8-9a;

Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:10





## II. Sweet Because it is Unlimited



Acts 15:11 NIV

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No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”



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Romans 6:14 NIV

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For sin shall no longer be your master,  
because you are not under the law, but under  
grace.

Previous Scripture: Acts 15:11;  
2 Corinthians 9:8; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9a



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Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

8 For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this is not from  
yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by  
works, so that no one can boast.

Previous Scripture: Romans 6:14;

Acts 15:11; 2 Corinthians 9:8



### III. Sweet Because it is Unconventional



2 Corinthians 12:9b-10 NIV

9b Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Previous Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9;

Romans 6:14; Acts 15:11



**III. Sweet Because it is**  
**Unconventional**  
Philippians 4:13 NIV



I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



# III. Sweet Because it is Unconventional



1 Corinthians 1:27 NIV

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But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.



# III. Sweet Because it is Unconventional Romans 5:1-5 NIV



1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.