



SERMON NOTES

Does The Bible Say That?

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle

Pastor Carl Toti - October 27-28, 2018

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (NLT)

1 This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord.

2 I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. 3 Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know 4 that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

5 That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. 6 If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, 7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. 8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**"THE STRONGER MY VISION OF HEAVEN –
THE WEAKER MY STRUGGLES ON EARTH BECOME."**

–Carl Toti

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

TROUBLE

John 16:33b (NIV)

"...In this world you will have trouble..."

Best Marriage Advice in Seven Words:

"I'M SORRY." "THANK YOU." "I LOVE YOU."

Judges 3:1 (CEV)

1 And the LORD had another reason for letting these enemies stay. The Israelites needed to learn how to fight in war, just as their ancestors had done. Each new generation would have to learn by fighting

“They have called me a child of fortune, nor have I any wish to complain of the course of my life. Yet it has been nothing but labour and sorrow; and I may truly say, that in seventy-five years I have not had four weeks of true comfort. It was the constant rolling of a stone that was always to be lifted anew.” –Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

TRAUMA

Psalm 34:19 (NKJV)

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

TRIUMPH

2 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

- 1. We triumph when we move from isolation to community.**
- 2. We triumph when we shift from self-reliance to God-reliance.**
- 3. We triumph when we rest in God’s promises.**