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2 Corinthians 4:1-11

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We say **AMEN** by depending on His power!

1. Remember who God is!

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a. God is all-powerful.

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b. God is our helper.

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2. Purpose in your heart to trust Him.

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a. God's grace is always available.

And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed. 2 Corinthians 9:8

b. Our weakness is an opportunity for faith.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

3. Go and do what God says.

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. V. 5

a. Look to Jesus.

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. V. 10

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