



“The Heart of Prayer”

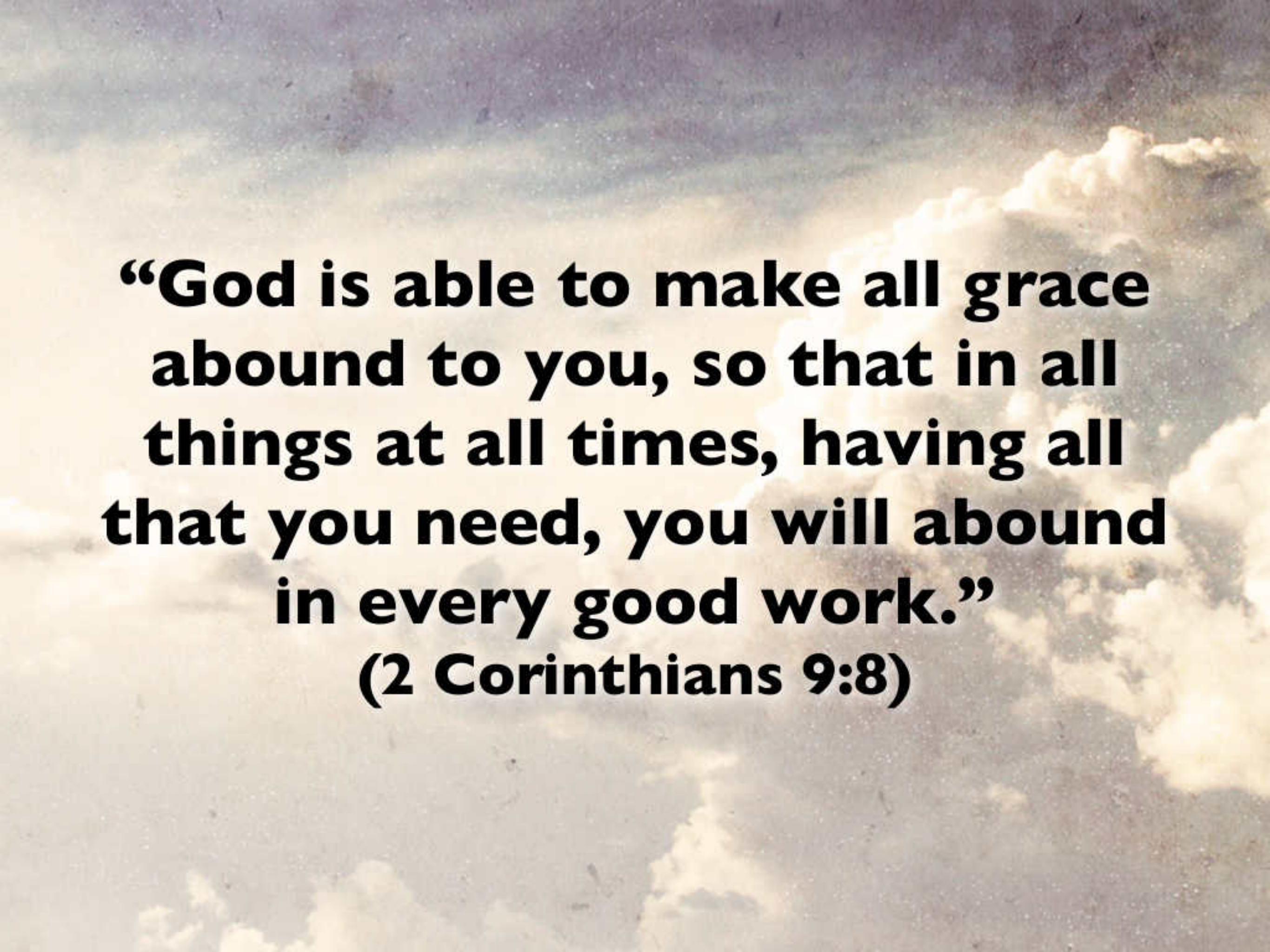
Mark 1:35-45

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A photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground shows a sand dune with distinct wind-swept ripples in the sand. The background is a vast, pale blue sky filled with soft, white, and light grey clouds. The overall lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a clear day.

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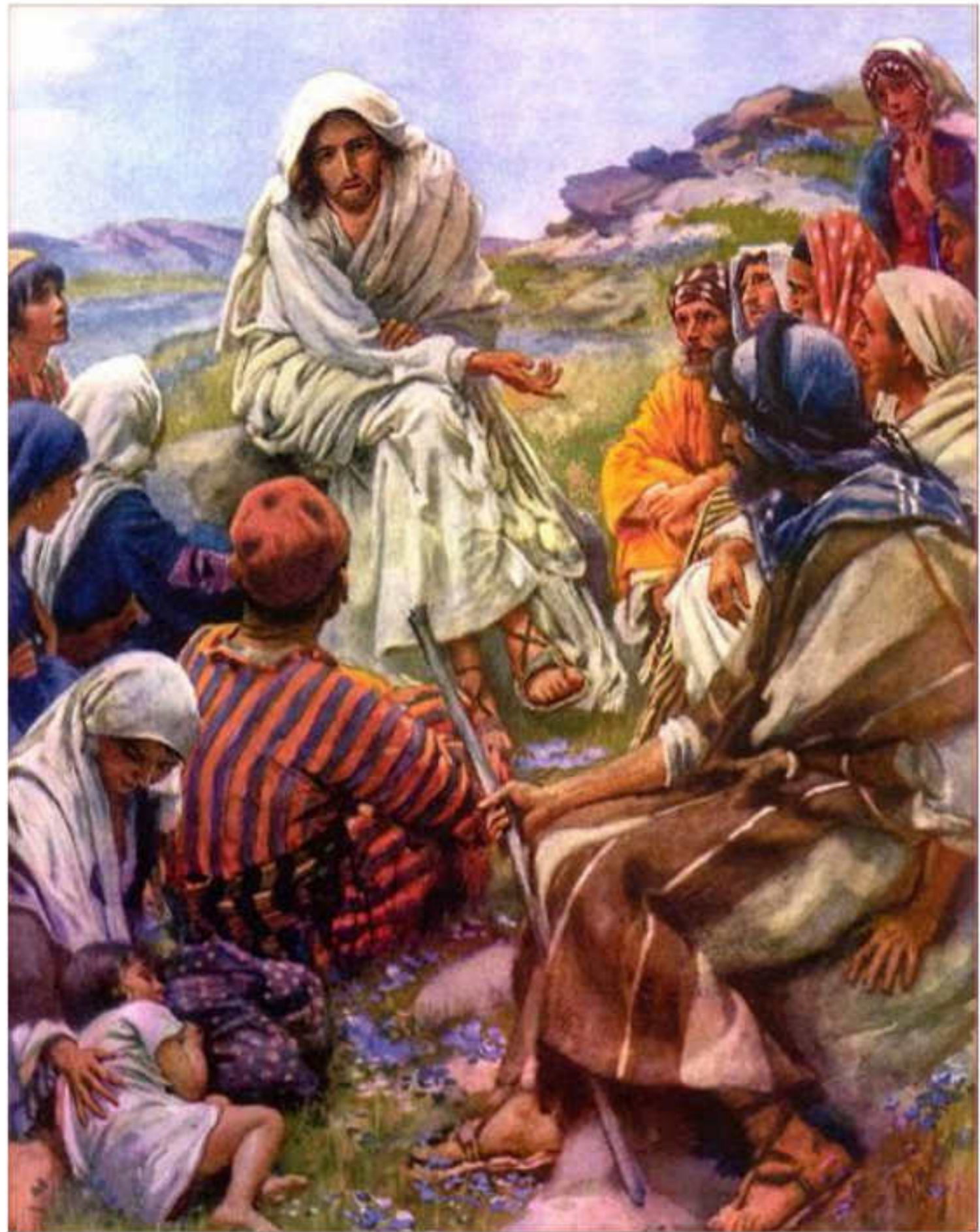
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that you need, you will abound
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(2 Corinthians 9:8)**











***How do you live in the abundance
of God's presence and power?***

**I. Prayer - The First
Priority**



**For Jesus,
Prayer is
the First
Priority.**



"Oh, good . . . you're not busy."



**For many people
prayer is a last resort
not
a first priority.**

**“Be still, and know
that I am God.”**

(Psalms 46:10)





**If Jesus
thought He
needed
prayer the
busier life
got, how
much more
do you think
we need it?**

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**1. Prayer - The First
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**2. Praying in the
wilderness**

Cut out the distractions



Prayer is not a multitasking activity.

**If you can never find
the time to be with
God, you are robbing
yourself of much of
what God has to give
you (HIMSELF).**



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1. Prayer - The First Priority

2. Praying in the wilderness

**3. The Heart of Prayer is
Fellowship with God the
Father.**



“Father...”

The heart of prayer is the daily orientation of the heart and mind, that because Christ, the cosmic Lord of the universe has become your father – that is the essence of prayer. God has come so near to you, that through Christ, He is Father.

“Father...”

God as Father, invites you to come to Him.

God as Father gives good things

God as Father will never send you away

**God as Father is for our good and His joy is
connected to our joy.**

God as Father is committed to you.

God as Father loves you and delights in you.

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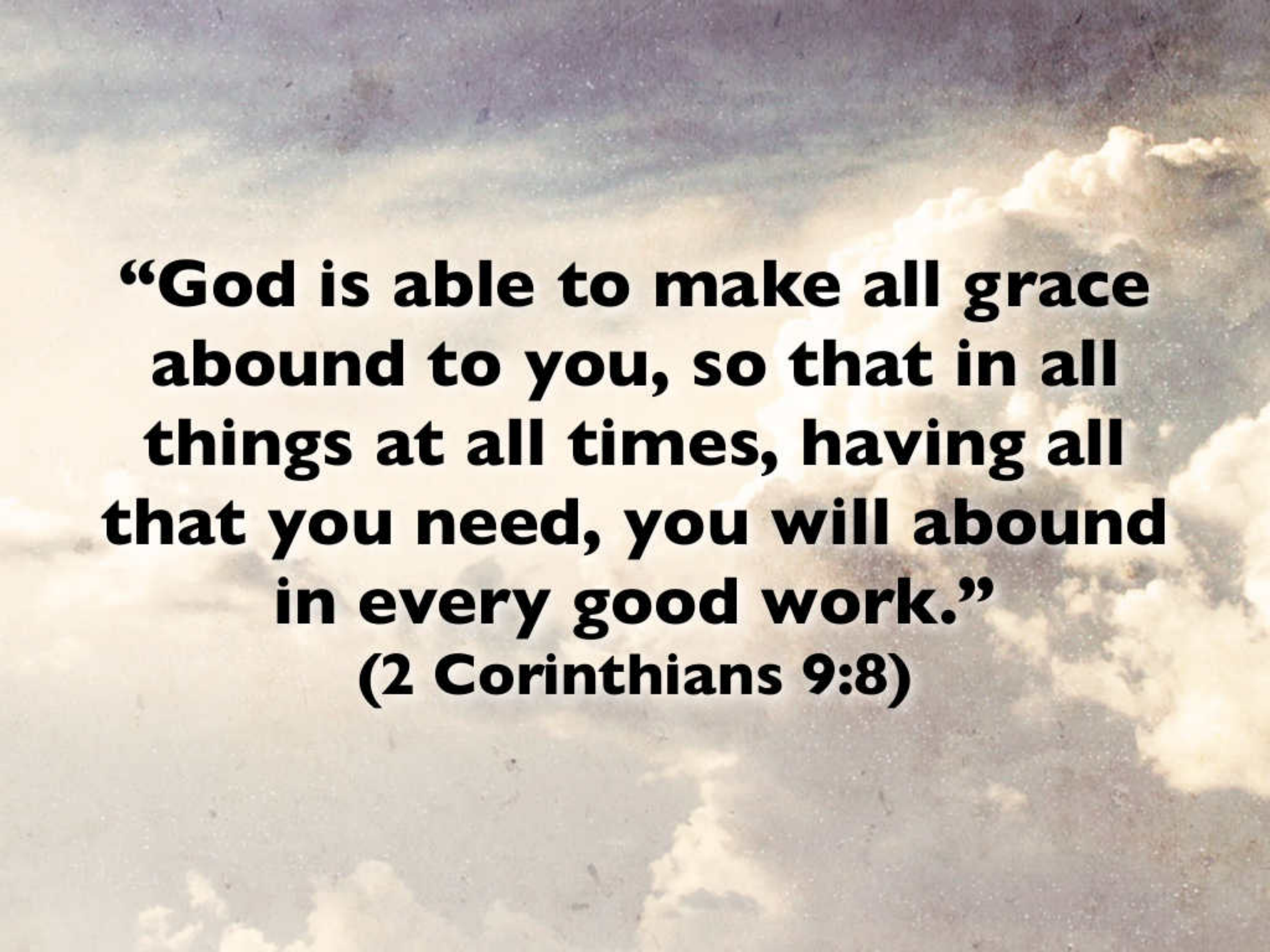


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**I challenge you
so spend
protected time
in prayer, simply
wanting to be
with God.**

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Tonights Question

“Struggling with forgiveness to the point of conviction. How do I let go and forgive and what does it do to you as a Christian to not really forgive.”