

# Stop Comparing Your Weaknesses

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II Corinthians 12:1

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I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord.

## II Corinthians 12:2

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I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

II Corinthians 12:3

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And I know that this man—  
whether in the body or apart  
from the body I do not know,  
but God knows—

II Corinthians 12:4

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was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

II Corinthians 12:5

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I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.

## II Corinthians 12:6

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Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

## II Corinthians 12:7

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or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.



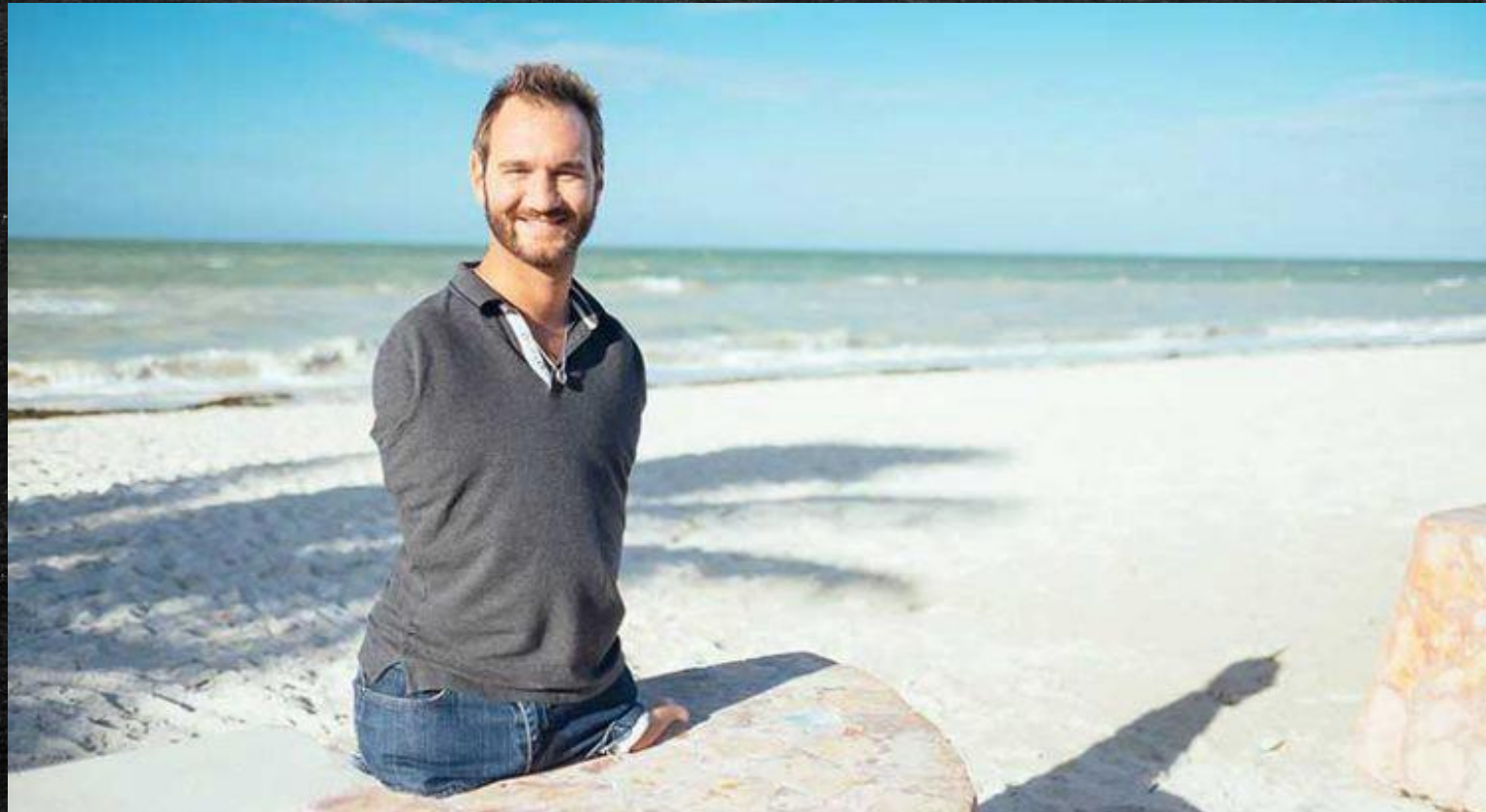
II Corinthians 12:8

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Three times I pleaded with the  
Lord to take it away from me.

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## II Corinthians 12:9

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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.

II Corinthians 12:10

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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.

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Greatness and comfort are  
not brothers

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- What is your thorn that God is allowing you to experience to keep you from pride?
  - How can God be glorified in my weakness?

