

# Can I Ever Do Enough?



“I am a follower of Jesus but sometimes feel anxious and overwhelmed by the mounting list of things I must do to become like Jesus. I feel stressed out because I want to please God, but there are so many things to do: kill sin, grow in fruits of the Spirit, be the best worker I can be, live and pour myself out to my church, make disciples, and also endure suffering. I know Jesus said in this world we will have trouble and he has overcome the world, but it just seems like there are so many things I need to do. Do I focus on certain things over others? Or try to focus a little bit on everything? At the end of the day, all I want to hear is: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’”

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-i-know-if-im-doing-enough-for-god>

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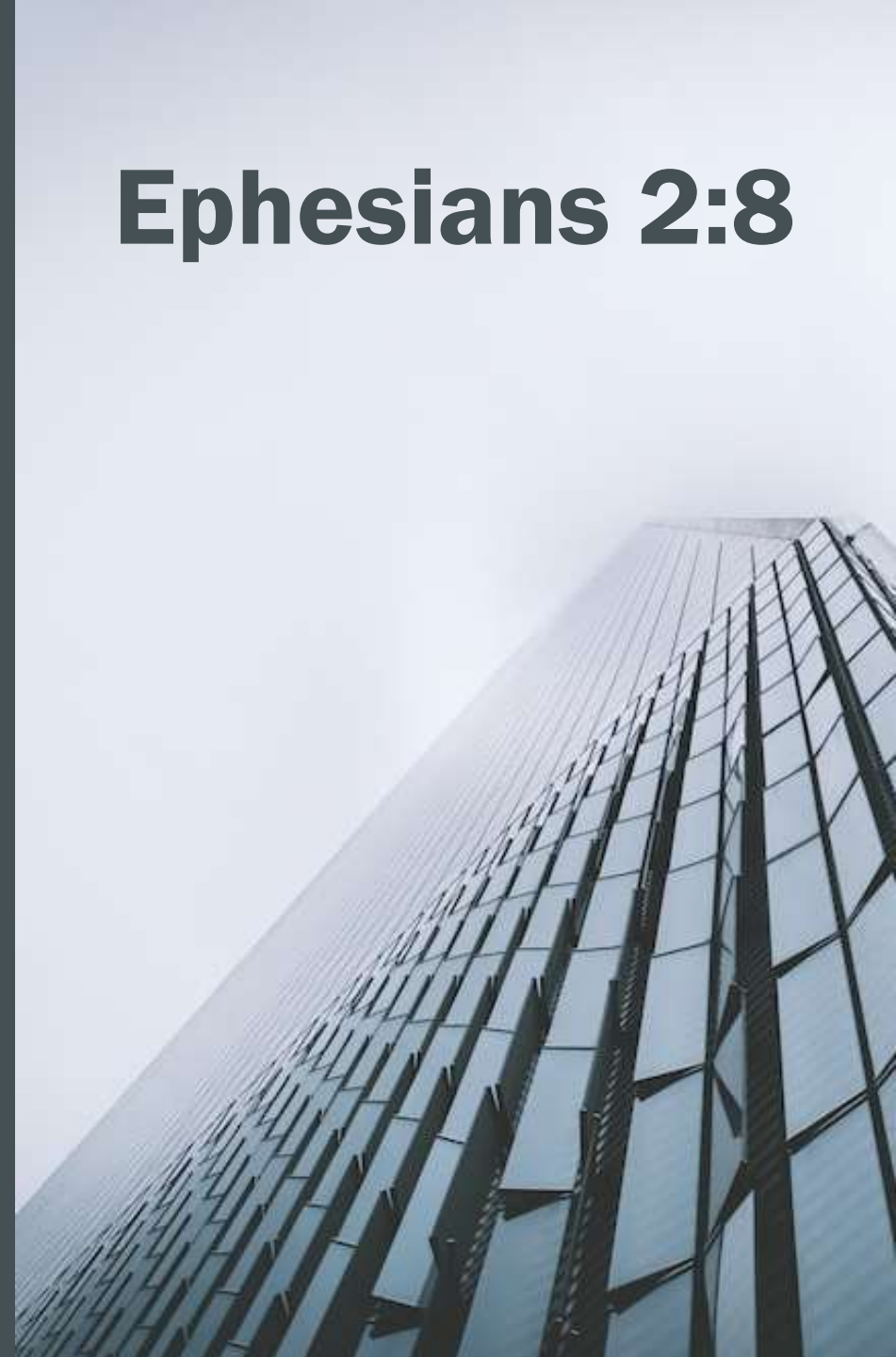
**Ephesians 2:8-10**



# Salvation is By God's Grace

- Because of sin we can never earn it (Eph. 2:1-3)
- Faith neither credits us nor diminishes God (Eph. 1:13, 2:8)
- The magnitude of God's grace –
  - *The forgiven but unforgiving servant (Matt. 18:23-27)*
  - *The “over-paid” vineyard workers (Matt. 20:1-16)*

## Ephesians 2:8



# Salvation is Not By Works

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(2 Tim. 1:9, Titus 3:5)

**overconfidence**

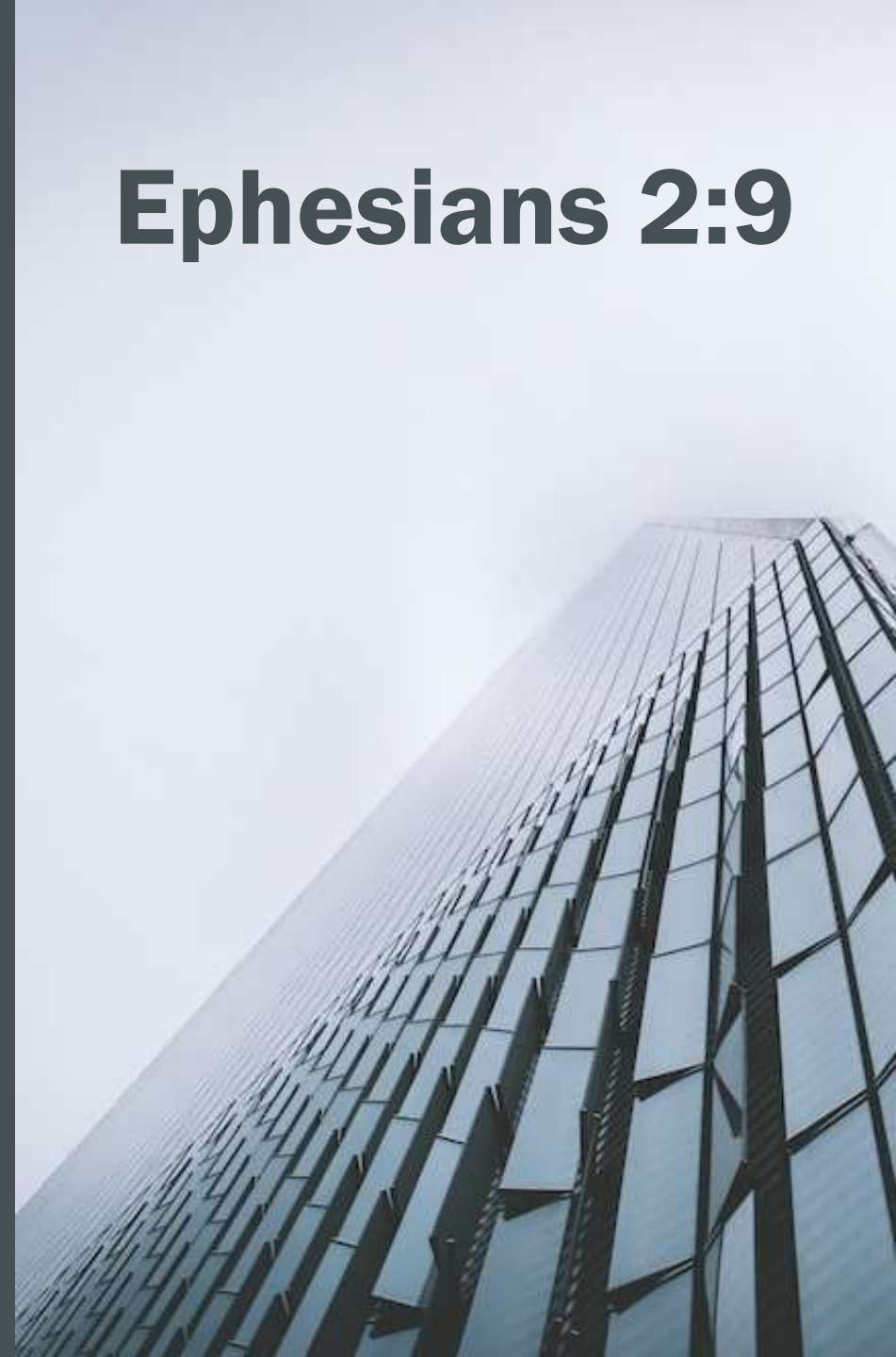
Matt. 19:16-17

**Am I doing enough?**

**hopelessness**

Phil. 3:12-15

## Ephesians 2:9



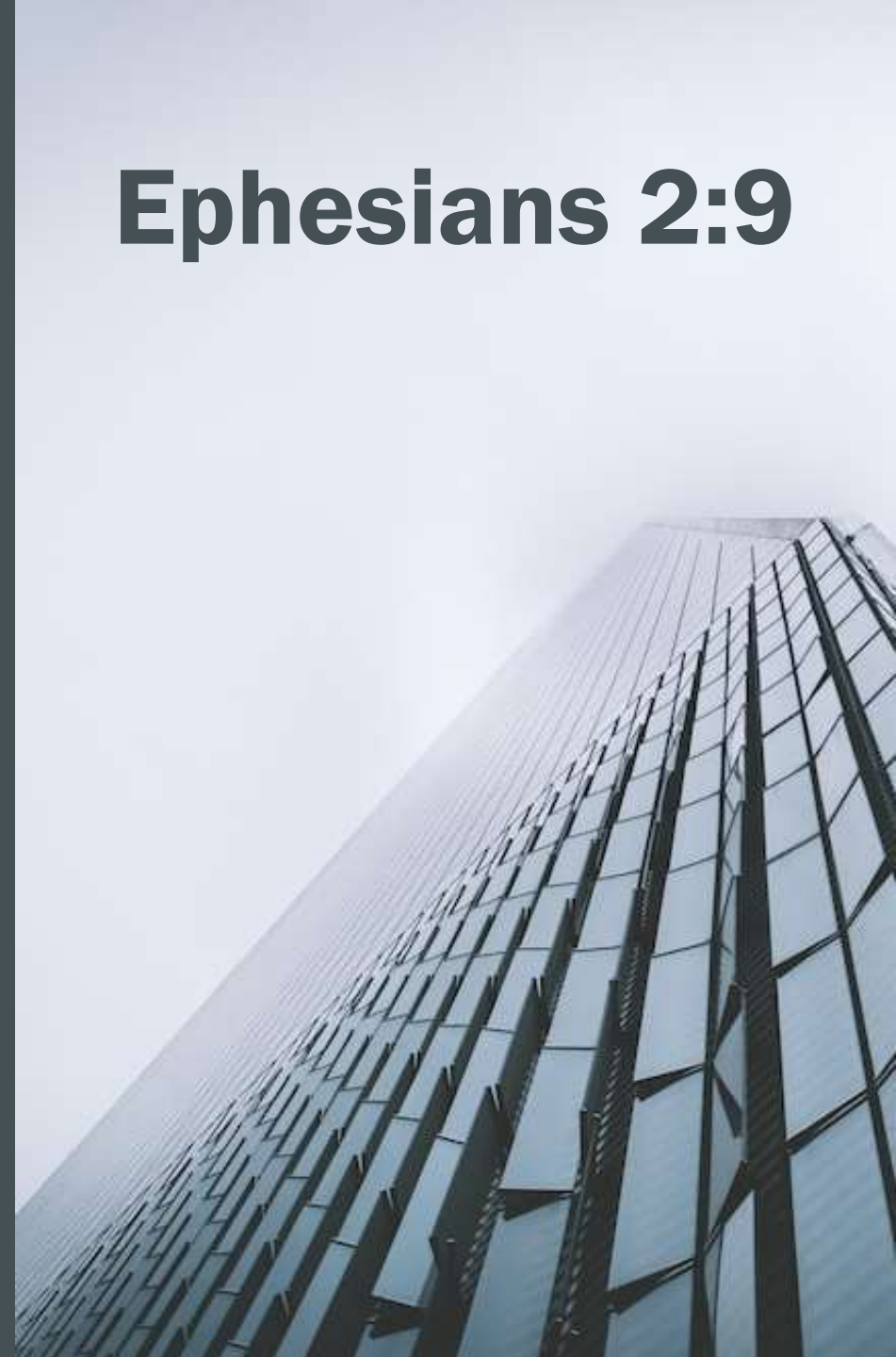
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**Look to God's Grace!**

1 Peter 5:5,12

**Ephesians 2:9**



# Grace Prepares Us to Work

- Saved people are “zealous for good works” (Titus 2:11-14)
- Walking as God’s workmanship –
  - *Worthy (Eph. 4:1)*
  - *Not as Gentiles (Eph. 4:17)*
  - *In love (Eph. 5:1)*
  - *As children of light (Eph. 5:8)*
  - *Carefully (Eph. 5:15)*

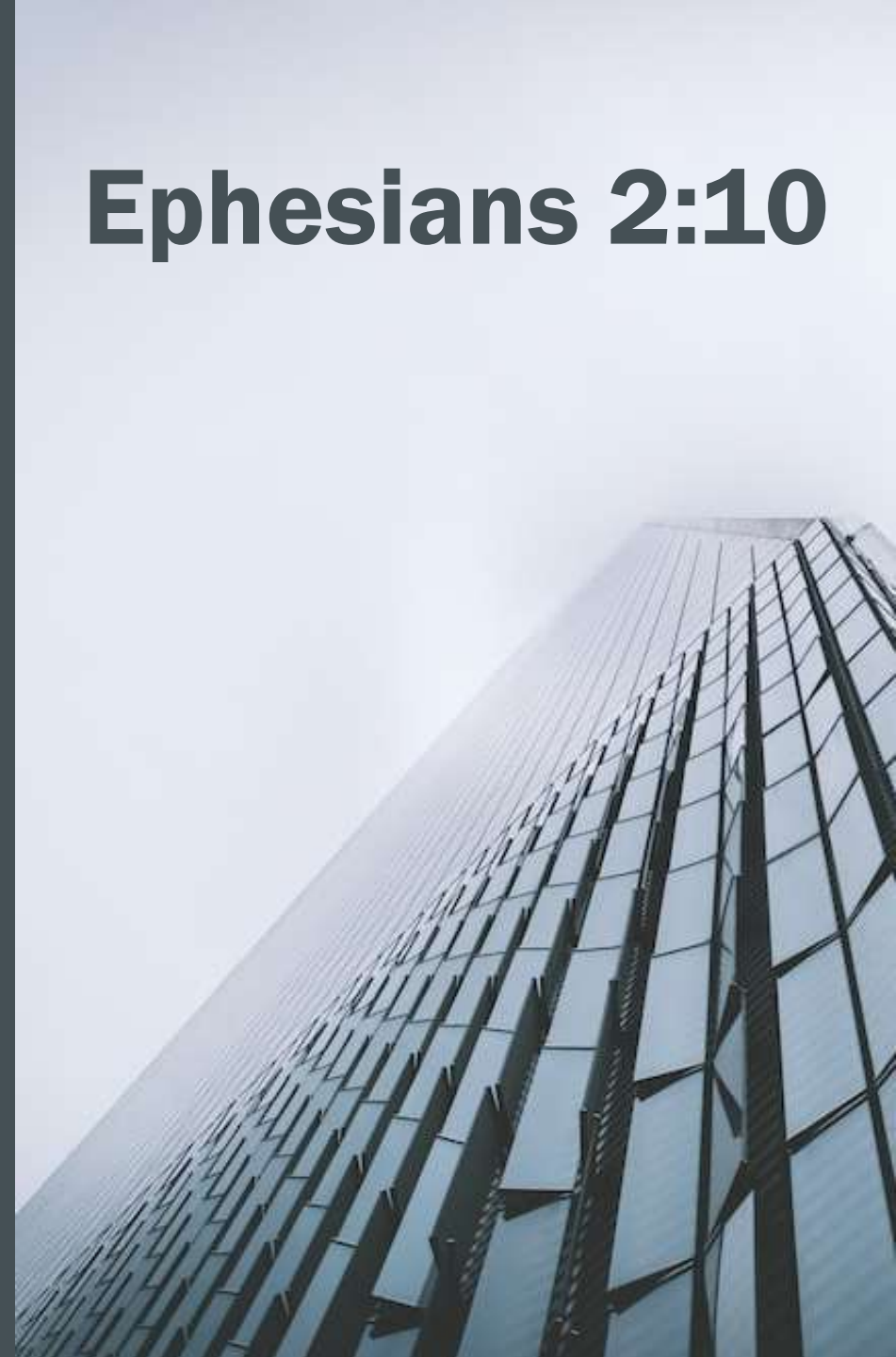
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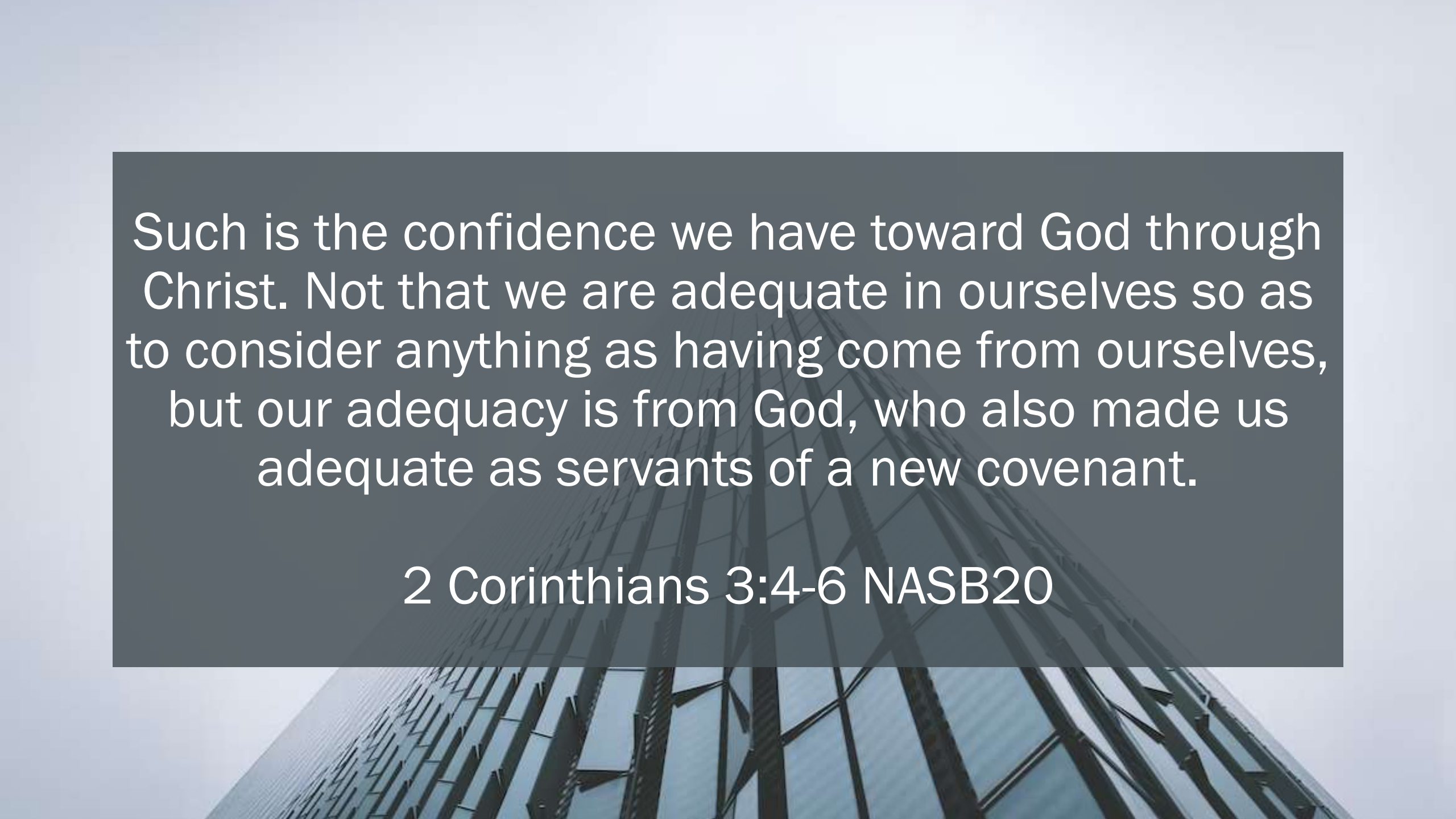
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- Paul: “grace working through me”
  - *Ephesians 3:7-8*
  - *1 Corinthians 15:9-10*
  - *Colossians 1:29*
- God’s grace can work through us!
  - *Ephesians 1:19, 3:20*

## Ephesians 2:10







Such is the confidence we have toward God through Christ. Not that we are adequate in ourselves so as to consider anything as having come from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 NASB20