#### Row-Row-Row Your Boat

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### A. God's Grace Sent - 2 Corinthians 12:9

## B. God's Grace Seized - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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10 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.