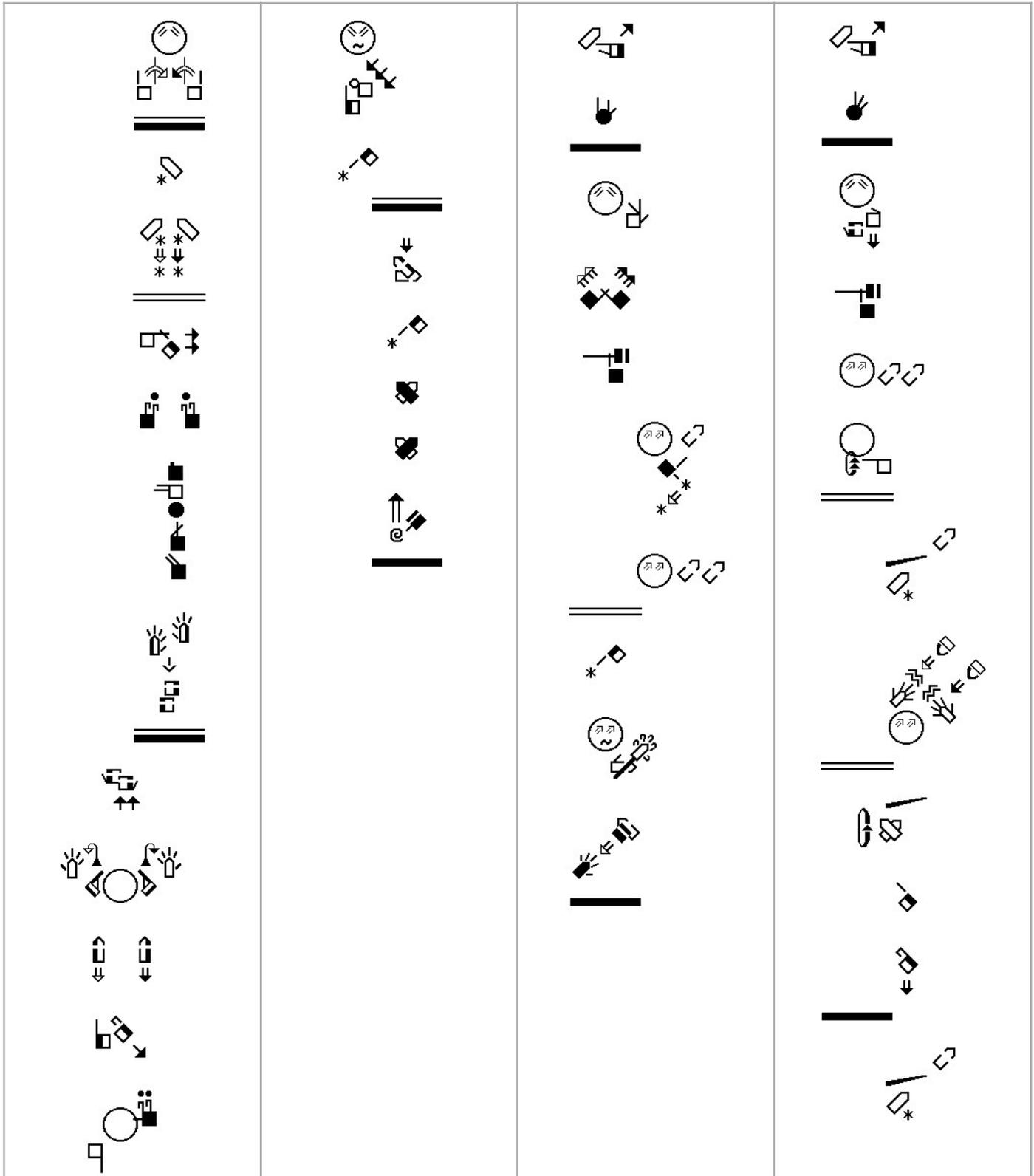
	
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I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Verse 8. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Verse 9. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My

<p>A sequence of ASL signs starting with a hand sign for 'power' (a hand with fingers spread, palm facing left), followed by 'works best' (a hand sign for 'best' with a hand on the forehead), 'in weakness' (a hand sign for 'weakness' with a hand on the forehead), and 'So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses' (a hand sign for 'boast' with a hand on the forehead, followed by 'weakness' with a hand on the forehead).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'that the power of Christ can work through me', including a hand sign for 'power' (a hand with fingers spread, palm facing left), 'Christ' (a hand sign for 'Christ' with a hand on the forehead), 'can work through me' (a hand sign for 'work through me' with a hand on the forehead).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'Verse 10. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses', including a hand sign for 'verse' (a hand with fingers spread, palm facing left), 'that's why' (a hand sign for 'that's why' with a hand on the forehead), 'I take pleasure in my weaknesses' (a hand sign for 'take pleasure in my weaknesses' with a hand on the forehead).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ', including a hand sign for 'and in the' (a hand with fingers spread, palm facing left), 'insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles' (a hand sign for 'insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles' with a hand on the forehead), 'that I suffer for Christ' (a hand sign for 'that I suffer for Christ' with a hand on the forehead).</p>
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335 power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. Verse 10. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. NLT

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337 For I patiently did many signs and wonders and miracles among you. Verse 13. The only thing I failed to do, which I do in the other churches, was to become a financial burden to you. Please forgive me for this wrong! Verse 14. Now I am coming to you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you. NLT

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I don't want what you have -- I want you. After all, children don't provide for their parents. Rather, parents provide for their children. Verse 15. I will gladly spend myself and all I have for you, even though it seems that the more I love you, the less you love me.
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sent our other brother with him, did Titus take advantage of you? No! For we have the same spirit and walk in each other's steps, doing things the same way. Verse 19. Perhaps you think we're saying these things just to defend ourselves. No, we tell you this as Christ's servants, and with God as our witness.

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Everything we do, dear friends, is to strengthen you. Verse 20. For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior. NLT

<p>ASL signs for 'I am afraid': hand pointing up and right, hand pointing up and left, a thick horizontal line, a face with a downward arrow, two parallel horizontal lines, a hand with a diamond and an asterisk, and a square with arrows pointing to two hands.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'when I come again': a hand with a diamond and an asterisk, a circle with an upward arrow, a circle with a hand and an upward arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an asterisk, a thick horizontal line, a face with a hand and a diamond and an asterisk, a circle with an upward arrow, a face with a hand and a diamond and an asterisk, a thick horizontal line, a square with a hand and a diamond and an asterisk, a thick horizontal line, a face with a hand and a diamond, a thick horizontal line, and a circle with a hand and a diamond.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'God will humble me': two hands with diamonds and upward arrows, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, two parallel horizontal lines, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond and a downward arrow, a face with a hand and a diamond, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an upward arrow, two hands with diamonds and upward arrows, a thick horizontal line, and a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'in your presence': a face with a hand and a diamond, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an upward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an upward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an upward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a curved arrow, a thick horizontal line, a circle with a hand and a diamond and an asterisk, a circle with a hand and a diamond, a thick horizontal line, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a circle with a hand and a diamond, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow, a thick horizontal line, and a hand with a diamond and a downward arrow.</p>
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Verse 21. Yes, I am afraid that when I come again, God will humble me in your presence. And I will be grieved because many of you have not given up your old sins. You have not repented of your impurity, sexual immorality, and eagerness for lustful pleasure. NLT