

Power In Weakness

Open with Prayer Requests

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

- Why was Paul placed in a position where he felt compelled to “boast”? What does this reveal about the accusations against him?
- What does Paul’s reluctance to boast teach us about humility and spiritual leadership? (Proverbs 27:2. Matthew 23:11–12)
- Why do you think God allowed Paul to experience a “thorn in the flesh”?
- How do you typically respond when God answers your prayers differently than you hoped?
- What does it practically mean that God’s grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in weakness?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7–12

- What does Paul mean by describing believers as “jars of clay”?
- How does this imagery shape your understanding of weakness, suffering, or limitation?
- Which phrase stands out most to you (hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down), and why?
- How can hardship become a platform for displaying God’s power rather than our own strength? (James 1:2–4. Romans 5:3–5)

Read Acts 14:19–22

- How does Paul’s perseverance after suffering help illuminate his teaching about weakness and strength?
- What does this passage teach about the reality of hardship in the Christian life?
- How should the expectation of difficulty shape our discipleship and encouragement of others? (John 16:33; Philippians 1:29)

Read Matthew 26:36–44

- How does Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane parallel Paul’s plea for his thorn to be removed?
- What can we learn about surrendering our will to God when circumstances don’t change?
- In what areas of life might God be inviting you to trust His strength rather than your own?• Where do you currently feel weak, pressured, or wounded?
- How might God be using that weakness to display His grace or power?
- What is one way you can rely more intentionally on Christ this week?
- How can this group encourage and support one another in seasons of difficulty?

Closing Prayer