

Thursday Devotional

April 2, 2020

“Don’t fear your weaknesses – God supplies all the strength you need. Be afraid of those moments when you think you’re independently strong.” – Paul Tripp

Have you ever had a time in your life where you feel simply weak or vulnerable? You feel like you are totally exposed, and everyone can see who you really are. Have you ever felt so weak that you just can’t handle anymore? Or maybe you have felt completely isolate and alone. None of us like feeling any of these feelings but be honest with yourself. We have all felt this way at some point or another, and we probably are feeling this way right now with COVID-19 looming over our heads like a roaring lion. We cannot turn on the TV, listen to the radio, or even look on the internet without COVID-19 being mentioned. But here is the truth I want you to hear today. When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, in our weakness we are made strong. Look at what Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10,

“⁹But 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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

When we look at the context of this passage, we can see that Paul is dealing with his own issue. He calls this issue his “*thorn in his flesh*” (2 Cor. 12:7) In fact, he even says that God gave him this thorn in order to keep him from becoming conceited or prideful. What Paul is saying here is, in order to keep focus on God and to not become so independent that we forget God, God puts things in our lives to bring our attention back to its proper place. We must have an understanding of our weakness, and even more so, an understanding of God’s greatness. Simply put, we must ask, who is this God that is so great? What does God’s greatness look like? Where can we see God’s greatness? To answer these questions, we must look to the ultimate source of truth where God reveals Himself to us, by His grace. We must look to the Word of God, the Bible, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. As Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*”

Over the next few weeks we are going to spend time looking at the greatness of God by looking at the Bible. The Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) #4 asks, “*What is God?*” following with the answer, “*God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.*” Over the next few weeks I will be sending out a written devotional on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be using the WSC as our guide through our study of the greatness of God. My prayer for you through these devotionals is the more we study who God is, the less we will fear the things of this world. The more we study who God is, the more we can say, “*When I am weak, then I am strong.*”

For Further study: Romans 10:17; Psalm 20:7-8; Psalm 27