

Strength in Weakness

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God Allows Us to be Weak

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless.

- 1 Cor 4:10-11

*For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong,
but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of
no account.”*

-2 Cor 10:10

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But 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. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

I have a “thorn in the flesh.” I don’t like it. I often wish I didn’t have it. At times I am exasperated by it. It makes almost everything harder, daily dogging me as I carry out my family, vocation, and ministry responsibilities — nearly everything I do. It weakens me. I often feel that I would be more effective and fruitful without it. I have pleaded with God, sometimes in tears, for it to be removed or for more power to overcome it. But it remains.

-Jon Bloom

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We really don't believe God's
grace is sufficient until we believe
we are insufficient.

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God's design is to make you a showcase for Jesus's power. But not necessarily the way the market (world) demands: not by getting rid of all our weaknesses; but by giving strength to endure and even rejoice in tribulation.

-John Piper