Finding God’s Strength In Your Weakness

Studies in 2 Corinthians
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- One of earliest NT books
- 1 of 4 Corinthian letters from Paul
- Cyclical
- Apostolic
- Theme: Finding God’s Strength In Your Weakness

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 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!”

2 Cor 12:9-10
Remember Who God Is

• What we already know:

• What we sometimes forget
  ~Father of compassion: Emotion
  ~Father of comfort: Action

• Father of: Describes the nature and character of the individual we are referencing
Remember What God Does For Us

- Comforts us: to come alongside and bring hope, strength, peace, and encouragement
- In All our troubles: Every kind!
- Gives us all we need:
  ~Grace: Unmerited favor
  ~Peace: Inner calm
  ~Patient endurance: Constance; patient continuance
Remember What God Can Do Through You

• The fact: He comforts
• The Purpose: “So that”
• The Strength: Not just Sympathy, but Strength!
Understand The Process God Uses To Provide Purpose In Pain

- Meets suffering with grace: vs 5
- Provides His word: Heb 4:12
- Provides others: vs 4
- Provides His hope: vs 7
- Provides Purpose: vs 4 “So that”
“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”

2 Cor 4:10

“if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

Rom 8:17
There Is Purpose In Pain
If You Will...

1. Call on God for His help and comfort

2. Offer your hurt to help others

Remember:
If you don’t get it...you can’t give it away!
You can’t give...what you don’t have!