

# Finding God's Strength In Our Weakness

**Strength To Serve**

**2 Cor 6:3-7:2**

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# Paul's Writing Focus Switches

*From Internal To External*

*From Self To Others*

*From Being A Disciple To Doing Ministry*

**Ministry: Giving service to others freely for  
the Lord's sake, so the benefit is all theirs**



# Be Willing To Pour Yourself Out For The Sake Of The Lord And Others

- *What we DON'T Do*
  - > *Cause others to stumble*
  - > *Give any occasion to blame*
- *What we DO: Commend ourselves by:*
  - > *Being Willing to Pay the Price*
  - > *Always Depending on God's Power*
  - > *Living with tension and conflict*

# Be Willing To Love Unconditionally

- *What Paul Does:*
  - > *Speaks freely*
  - > *Opens his heart*
  - > *Doesn't withhold affection*
- *What he asks in return:*
  - > *Love me the way I love you!*

1 Pet 4:8 “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.”



# Be Willing To Partner With The Right People

*Don't be "Yoked" Unequally*

- *If you have nothing in common*      *Values*
- *If you have no spiritual fellowship*      *Spirit*
- *If you have no agreement*      *Process*

1. Know **WHAT** you are willing to do!
2. Know **WHERE** you are going!
3. Know **HOW** you are getting there!

# Be Willing To Work On Keeping Yourself Spiritually Clean

- *Take personal responsibility to stay spiritually clean*

*1 Jn 1:9 "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness."*

- *Aim at BOTH sins of the body...and the spirit*  
*Sins of the spirit are:*

*Worse in impact; Less Obvious; More Tolerated; Harder to Cleanse*



# You Can Make A Difference

- 1. Be willing to pour yourself out*
- 2. Be willing to open your heart*
- 3. Be willing to partner with right people*
- 4. Be willing to stay clean*

*Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*