Series: BAGGAGE
Part 4: "WEAK MADE STRONG"
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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.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

4 Reasons to Embrace our Weakness

1. _____ our _____

17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Revelation 3:17 (NIV)

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

2 Corinthians 12:8 (ESV)

2. _____ our _____ on God

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9a (ESV)

3. Reminds us to _____ on God's _____

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

4. _____ us to _____ God's _____

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9a (ESV)

9 ...Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about 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.

2 Corinthians 12:9b-10 (ESV)

Think About/Pray About:

- Ask God to reveal to you any areas of prideful self-reliance or areas where you may be most susceptible to a prideful attitude.
- Think about the last time you experienced weakness in your life. Where did you turn? What did you rely on during that time? How did that turn out?
- In your place of weakness, are you seeking God through time with him in His Word and in prayer? If not, what can you change to see that happen?
- What is something that can serve as a reminder to you that you need to rely on God's grace?

Sermon Notes: