

# 04/26/26 Message

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Part of What Does God NOT Want

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**Message: Stay Weak**

**Series: What Does God NOT Want**

## Background

A follow-up series to “What Does God Want” which built on this premise:

What does God want from me?

- This year
- Today
- Right Now

*When we ask ourselves that, we're seeking the heart and will of God. And when we ask with intention we're asking with the intention we will change to be and do what God wants. And when we ask with that intention, God will answer your question. He will reveal things to you that you'd never know, maybe things you've never even thought of before. What does God want from you this year, today, right now?*

—Pastor Chad

Stemming from a verse found in the OT:

***Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)***

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

*This follow-up series explores and highlights what God doesn't want us to do. We have to get sin out of the way and enter the presence of God. Then we have His full attention and He is there!*

—Pastor Chad

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

16 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies, one who sows discord among brothers.

## God Doesn't Want Your Weakness

*That's not entirely true, but it's a start. Today I'm asking for a little grace and I'm asking you to grab your shovel and dig deep, expand your heart and expand your mind. There is a difference in starting your journey with Jesus spiritually weak and growing in your relationship with Jesus and remaining spiritually weak. There's a difference in being weak and staying there!*

—Pastor Chad

Key passage:

### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)**

9 Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I

- God doesn't want you to STAY in weakness

## Don't Stay in Your Weakness

- God does not REJECT your weakness

### **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)**

Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

- God does not want you to live POWERLESS

- Weakness can turn into an excuse
- Weakness can become our identity
- Weakness can keep us from being obedient

***Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)***

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- God wants STRENGTH to replace your weakness

***2 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT)***

...For when I am weak, then I am strong.

***Isaiah 40:29 (NLT)***

He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

- Staying weak is a CHOICE when strength is available
  - In John 5:6 Jesus asked, "Would you like to get well?"

***John 5***

- Jesus' cross gave a new MEANING for weakness
  - On the cross, Jesus looked weak; beaten, broken, crucified. That moment where He looked the weakest was the greatest display of power the world has ever seen! Sin was defeated. Death was conquered. Victory secured!

**My Choice**

- Step 1: Admit your weakness
  - It's the same as admitting how much you need Him!
- Step 2: Step into His strength
  - Bring Him into your fear, your failure, and your limitations!

*It's time to stop saying, THIS IS JUST WHO I AM. It's time to start saying, THIS IS WHERE I AM, BUT GOD IS JUST GETTING STARTED.*

—Unknown

God wants His strength to replace your weakness. It's okay to be weak. It's not okay to stay there!