



Sermon Guide: Paul: Weakness 01/25/26

Text(s): 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Big Idea: *God uses the hard season of our weakness to bring us to a place where Christ's power rests on us*

Summary of the Sermon - God does not waste the hard seasons of our lives. In **2 Corinthians 12:7–10**, Paul shows us that weakness received in dependence becomes the very place where Christ's power is most clearly displayed. What looks like limitation is often the platform God uses to make Christ unmistakable.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you usually interpret weakness in your life? As failure, punishment, inconvenience, or opportunity?
2. Are you dealing with a weakness or “thorn” you are currently asking God to remove?
3. Discuss why Paul says the thorn was *given* rather than merely allowed? Is there a difference?
4. Where have you experienced God saying “no” to a good request, only to realize later it protected you from something worse?
5. Do you genuinely believe God's grace is sufficient, or only *ideally* sufficient?
6. How does Paul's willingness to boast in weakness challenge how you talk about your own struggles?
7. Where might your strength, competence, or success unintentionally obscure Christ rather than display Him?
8. What would it look like this week to say, “For the sake of Christ, I am content,” in your current season?
9. In what ways do you see honesty in prayer modeled by Paul in this passage? How have you been in bringing your honesty to God in prayer?