# Strength in Weakness

2 Corinthians 1-13
Name _____ Date _____

## Read & think

### READ IN ORDER

1. 2 Corinthians 1-2
2. 2 Corinthians 3-4
3. 2 Corinthians 5-6
4. 2 Corinthians 7-8
5. 2 Corinthians 9-10
6. 2 Corinthians 11-13

### MAIN POINTS

- Divine comfort does not erase affliction in 2 Corinthians 1; it supports endurance, shared consolation, prayer, and reliance on the God who raises the dead (2 Corinthians 1:3-11).

- The treasure-in-earthen-vessels argument locates extraordinary power in God while joining suffering, Jesus's life, resurrection, and thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 4:7-15).

- New creation in 2 Corinthians 5 is situated within Christ's death and resurrection, God's reconciliation, non-imputation, and an entrusted ambassadorial appeal (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

- Paul's collection instructions integrate readiness, proportionality, equality, public accountability, willing purpose, divine provision, supplied need, and thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 8:10-24; 9:5-15).

- Because 2 Corinthians 12 never identifies the thorn beyond its own terms, interpretation should preserve uncertainty while keeping the Lord's sufficient grace and power in weakness central (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How does comfort move from God to an afflicted believer and then to another person in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7?
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

2. What balance does 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 place between correction, forgiveness, comfort, and confirmed love?
2 Corinthians 2:5-11

3. Paul neither names the thorn nor presents weakness as self-sufficient virtue; he records repeated prayer and the Lord's sufficient grace. Where might honest dependence on Christ reshape your next faithful decision (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)?
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

### MEMORY VERSE / 2 Corinthians 12:9

Paul reports that after he asked three times for the thorn to depart, the Lord answered him about sufficient grace and strength in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**WEB**

He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.

**KJV**

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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## Notes

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Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

**NOTES**

**ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE**

**PRAYER**