

— WAYMARK 90 —

Strength in Weakness

Giving with joy



God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

THINK ABOUT THE STORY
Which giver does God love?

Strength in Weakness

2 Corinthians 1-13

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Read & think

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| 1. 2 Corinthians 1-2 | 2. 2 Corinthians 3-4 |
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MAIN POINTS

- God comforts us so we can comfort someone else (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
- God's power can be seen through people who feel weak (2 Corinthians 4:7).
- God makes people in Christ new and gives them a message of peace with Him (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).
- Giving should come from a willing heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- The Lord's grace was enough for Paul in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did the Lord tell Paul after he asked for the thorn to leave?
2 Corinthians 12:8-9
2. What does Paul call those who carry the appeal of reconciliation?
2 Corinthians 5:18-20
3. Paul asked the Lord for help, and the Lord told him about grace in weakness. What can you ask God to help you face today (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)?
2 Corinthians 12:8-9

MEMORY VERSE / 2 Corinthians 12:10

Paul responds to the Lord's word about sufficient grace by naming weaknesses endured for Christ's sake (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

WEB

Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, and in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong.

KJV

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

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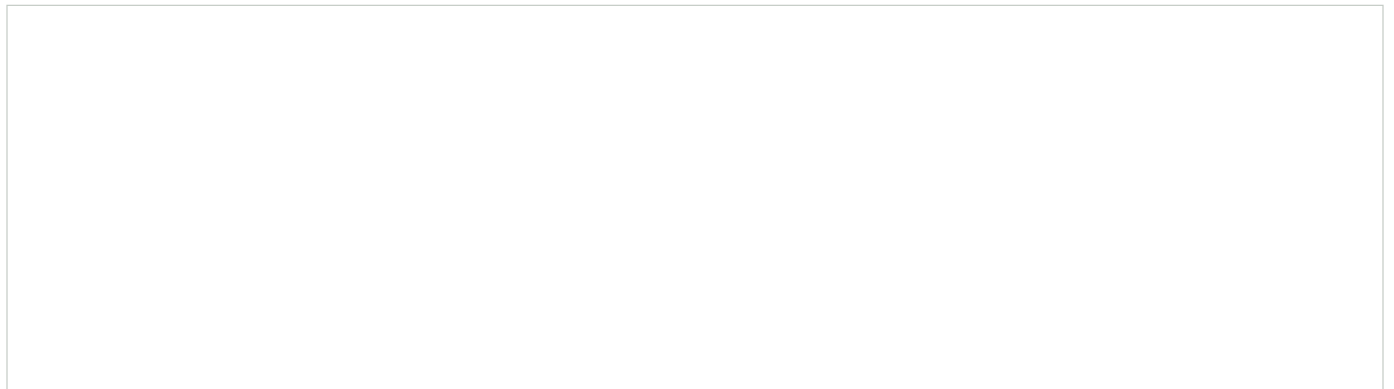
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WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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MAIN POINTS

- Comfort received in trouble can become comfort offered to someone else (2 Corinthians 1:3-7).
- Treasure in earthen vessels shows that extraordinary power belongs to God (2 Corinthians 4:7-15).
- New creation in Christ belongs with God's work of reconciliation and the calling of ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).
- Giving should match a willing purpose and present means, with care for honest administration (2 Corinthians 8:10-24; 9:5-12).
- Paul does not identify the thorn; he records the Lord's sufficient grace and power in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Which answer followed the three requests about the thorn?

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

2. What responsibility belongs to ambassadors for Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

3. The thorn is not identified, but Paul's prayer and the Lord's answer are recorded. Where do you need grace to keep acting faithfully even if the difficulty remains (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

MEMORY VERSE / 2 Corinthians 5:20

Paul explains that God committed the word of reconciliation to the apostles and then calls them ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

WEB

We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

KJV

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

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2 Corinthians 1-13
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MAIN POINTS

- Paul connects received comfort, endured affliction, and the ability to comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-11).
- The earthen-vessel image assigns the excellence of ministry's power to God rather than the messenger (2 Corinthians 4:7-15).
- New creation is part of God's reconciling work in Christ and the entrusted word of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).
- The collection is to be willing, proportionate, equitable, transparent, ready, and not compelled (2 Corinthians 8:10-24; 9:5-12).
- The text withholds the thorn's identity while emphasizing sufficient grace and Christ's power in weakness (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 repeatedly asked for the thorn to depart, yet the answer he records centers grace and Christ's power in weakness. How can you acknowledge a real limitation without letting it define your obedience (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)?
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

MEMORY VERSE / 2 Corinthians 8:9

Paul appeals to the Corinthians to complete their willing gift, using the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ within his instruction about generous service (2 Corinthians 8:7-12).

WEB

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

KJV

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

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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).

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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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