
TALK IT OVER

Weakness is the Way

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of the document.

1. GOD CALLS US INTO OUR WEAKNESS.

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"He is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." Acts 9:15 (ESV)

Question 1

Do you shy away or not want to share your weaknesses with others, and if so, why?

Question 2

Abraham appeared to be too old to have children, Moses had a speech impediment and David was a small, young boy but they were all called by God amidst their weaknesses. Why do you think God calls people into their weakness?

2. GOD CALLS US TO EMBRACE OUR WEAKNESS.

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"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness." 2 Corinthians 11:30 (ESV)

Question 3

Our culture teaches us to hide or diminish our weaknesses. How is this different from Paul's attitude in 2 Corinthians 11?

Question 4

It is human nature to brag about our strengths, and not our weaknesses. Why do you think people do not boast about or embrace their weaknesses? What does it mean to embrace a weakness?

3. GOD CALLS US TO FLOURISH IN OUR WEAKNESS.

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“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 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 12:9-10 (ESV)

Question 5

The first sentence in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”. What does that mean to you?

Question 6

Share an experience when God used one of your weaknesses for his glory. Going forward, how does this provide faith and contentment in another area of weakness?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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