

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: The Power of Weakness

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:7-16

'...paradox:-a truth that appears to be contradictory...'

'...the power and life of Christ requires our weakness to thrive...you are stronger, when you are weaker...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why does our creation in the 'imago dei' put us in a class unto ourselves, a moral category which alone is held responsible for sin?

How does our susceptibility to temptation allow His power to shine through us? How does God use our weakness to put His glory and the beauty of the gospel on display?

How is the paradox of Christ's own life manifested in us vs. 8-14?

How is it that the power of Christ empowers us, even in the midst of a state of dying (mortal, fallible, and moving toward death)?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Do you still wrestle with the lie that you are entitled to a long life, or health and strength, or that you are ultimately in control?

How can the misplaced belief of this lie overload your life with stress and anxiety? How does this in turn lead to depression or feelings of failure?

How are we despairing in today's society? What persecution(s) may be on the horizon?

How can we display that our hope lives in Christ?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What does the imagery of 'jars of clay' help to highlight for us to recognize vs. 7?

What is the 'treasure'? How does this treasure give us hope in despair?

How does knowing the resurrection actually allow us to know the future?

How is God's glory increased throughout this process vs. 15?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How can you being renewed day by day vs. 16? What will you think, feel, and do with that renewal?