

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Strength in Weakness

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

'...the path to spiritual victory is unexpected... He uses both our strengths and weaknesses to move us toward the win of Christlikeness...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why does Paul reveal the strengthening he received from God to his listeners?

How does this revelation of the strength given him by God help Paul's message that has been maligned by those who are attacking Paul's character?

How did weakening lead Paul to contentment vs. 10?

What is sufficient for our perfecting?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Do you recollect a special spiritual encounter in your own life? What is the purpose of these moments?

How is God protecting you from conceit? What is your 'thorn in the flesh'?

Are you willing to receive suffering from the Lord in order to be perfected? What does this reveal about your walk with Christ?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

Why does a good God allow suffering?

Why is the 'thorn' of Paul not identified? What is the lesson for us from this ambiguity?

Are you willing to suffer more in order to receive more grace? What does it mean that "to be chosen is to suffer"? What makes it worth it?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you lean into suffering in order to find contentment there, through built up faith?