

Paul went through some of the worst kinds of abuse and torture in his life—but no matter what happened to him, his faith was rock solid because his strength came God. In 2 Corinthians 12:10, he goes so far as to say, "I delight in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How do you typically feel about your weaknesses? Do you try to overcome them? Hide them?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Paul knew that, through his weaknesses and difficulties, God's power would shine through. What limitations do you currently have that God could use to show his power?
- 3. Our culture makes us believe that we have to do things on our own. But God calls us to rely on him for strength. What are some areas in your life that you need to start relying on God more instead of trying to do it through your own power?
- 4. Share about a time in your life where God used a situation or circumstance to change and strengthen you. How did you rely on God during that time? Looking back, how did your character deepen through that weakness?

CHALLENGE

Pinpoint one of your greatest weaknesses. Then, spend time meditating this week over the following: What am I going to do about it? What can I learn from it? How can God use this to make me better, wiser, deeper, and stronger? How is God's power going to show up?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9