



# Weakness

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**Why are we typically afraid to disclose our weaknesses to each other?**

We are typically drawn to people who are powerful—and confident in their power. Weakness, on the other hand, is ... well, weak. No one expects a weak athlete or a weak business to succeed. And isn't success what we all want?

This Bible study, though, is not about sports or business. It's about life. Whatever weaknesses we have can actually be opportunities for strengths, as they bring us to the One who empowers us. When we let Him, God will use the difficulties or infirmities we live with to do something great.

**READ [2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7](#).**

**If you are comfortable, share some of your weaknesses.**

**What purpose did Paul's thorn serve in his own life?**

**READ [2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-9A](#).**

**Name some ways that God gives us grace and strength to live with our weaknesses.**

**How do the Lord's words in verse 9 help us respond to the "health, wealth, and success" gospel that is often marketed today?**

**What do we learn from this passage about the value of persistent prayer in relation to our weaknesses and problems?**

**READ [2 CORINTHIANS 12:9B-10](#).**

**Are you going through a hardship, or enduring a "thorn in your side"?  
In what ways can you envision God taking this difficulty and making it serve a higher purpose?**

**How, specifically, can you allow the Lord's power to take over where you are weak?**