

Walking and Ministry in Weakness

My journey into weakness

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "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. 10 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.

1. Understanding weakness

What is it?

'Weaknesses are ailments, situations, experiences and wounds that make us feel and appear to others as weak.'

Who is responsible for weakness?

Satan?

God

What is the purpose of weakness?

- a. Keep us humble
- b. Keep us dependent on grace
- c. Make us like Jesus

Exercise:

Spend ten minutes talking with the person beside you about the weakness in your life.

2. Walking in Weakness

a. Reflect

b. Cry out

c. Pour out

- Vomit the hard
- Confess the ugly
- Recite the Good

d. Learn contentment

Exercise:

Spend ten minutes crying out or pouring out your heart to the Lord.

3. Minister in Weakness

a. Despise the Shame/Boast in weakness

b. Depend on others

c. Comfort others

d. Walk in faith

Exercise:

Spend 10 minutes share and praying through the question - How is God calling you to minister in weakness?