







...that I might know Jesus and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:10-11







<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> 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. 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. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10** 







# **Understanding Weakness Walking in Weakness** Serving in Weakness











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





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### Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:8-9













### For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. 2 Corinthians 13:4





### Spend 8 minutes talking with the person beside you sharing about weakness in your life



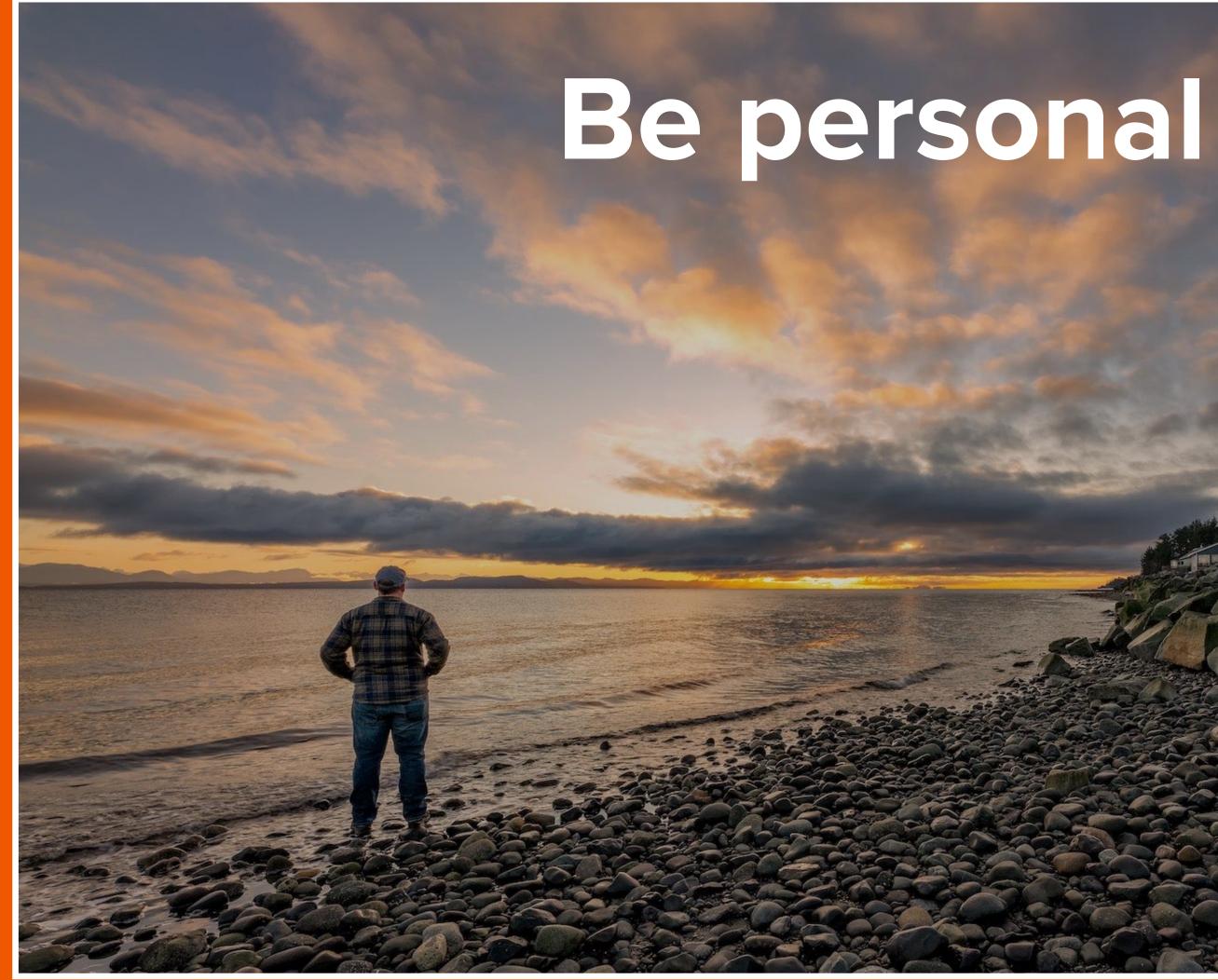


























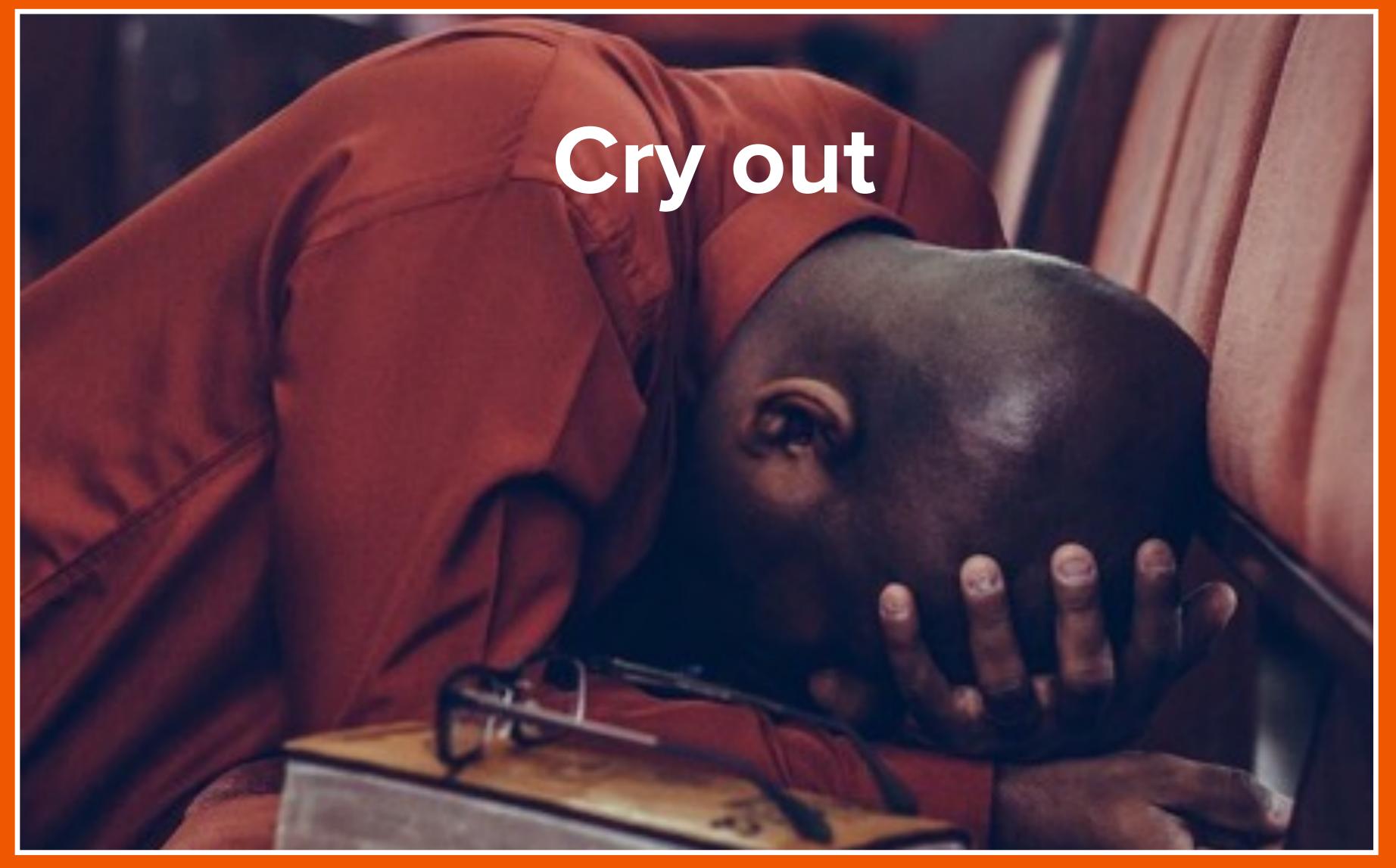














## Be personal Cry out











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**Be personal** 2 Cry out 3 Reframe **Pour out** 





### Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. **Psalm 62:8**

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Vomit the hard **Confess the ugly Remember the good**  **Be personal** 2 Cry out 3 Reframe 4 Pour out





### **Vomit the Hard**

**Psalm 130:1** Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. 2 Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

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### **Confess the Ugly**

**Psalm 130:3** If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you

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### **Remember the Good**

**Psalm 130:7** Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

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### Spend a couple of minutes being personal with the Lord. Pour out or cry out something to Him. Write something down





## Serving in Weakness













### **1. Despise the Shame**







### **Hebrew 12:2 2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



# Serving in Weakness



#### **1. Despise the Shame** 2. Boast in weakness





#### Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9b







8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.







11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh 2 Corinthians 4:7-11











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**3 Praise be to the God and Father of our** Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4







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#### Spend some time sharing and praying through the question:

How is God calling you to minister in weakness?











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