

July 8, 2018
“When I Am Weak, I Am Strong”
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

All of us have _____. Some of our weaknesses are _____, some are mental, some are _____.

Saint _____ had his weaknesses.

One in particular caused him much heartache. He called it his
“_____.”

Paul prayed about his “thorn-in-the-flesh” how many times? _____

Paul heard God speak to him: “My _____ is sufficient for you,
for my _____ is made perfect in weakness.”

Paul, by God’s grace, turned his weakness into a _____.

Some principles we can apply to our weaknesses:

**#1. – A weakness can become a _____ if we do not
_____ to it.**

Someone said: “*Some people succeed because they are destined to, but
most people succeed because they are _____ to.*”

It might be a physical weakness or a _____ that is your thorn
in the flesh.

We’re talking about the power of _____... the power of
determination.

God has given us the ability with His help to _____
difficult circumstances.

Irving Stone: “*I write about people who sometime in their life...have a
vision or dream of something that should be accomplished...and they
go to work. They are beaten over the head, knocked down, vilified and
for years they get nowhere. But every time they’re knocked down they
stand up. You cannot destroy these people. And at the end of their lives
they’ve accomplished some modest part of what they set out to do.*”

Paul had that same kind of attitude, that kind of _____.

Besides his “thorn in the flesh,” who can forget the other _____
Paul faced in ministry? (2 Corinthians 11:24-27)

Yet Paul never _____!

**#2. – Paul’s experience convinces that our weaknesses may become
strengths if they remind us of our _____ on God.**

It would have been easy for Paul to _____ of his influence on the
early Christians, but he knew the _____ did not belong to him.

Only by the _____ of God could he make his life _____!

The story of Ricky Hoyt is a beautiful metaphor for the life of
_____!

Paul’s weakness became his strength. His scar became a _____. His
hurt became a _____.

And the same thing can happen to us – if we don’t give into our
_____, and if our weakness causes us to _____ upon
God!

**2 Corinthians 12:10 – “That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in
weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.
For when I am weak, then I am strong.”**

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