

July 4, 2021

**“When We Are Weak”**  
**(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)**

Today’s lesson from 2 Corinthians is about \_\_\_\_\_.

Some of our weaknesses are \_\_\_\_\_, some are \_\_\_\_\_, some are \_\_\_\_\_.

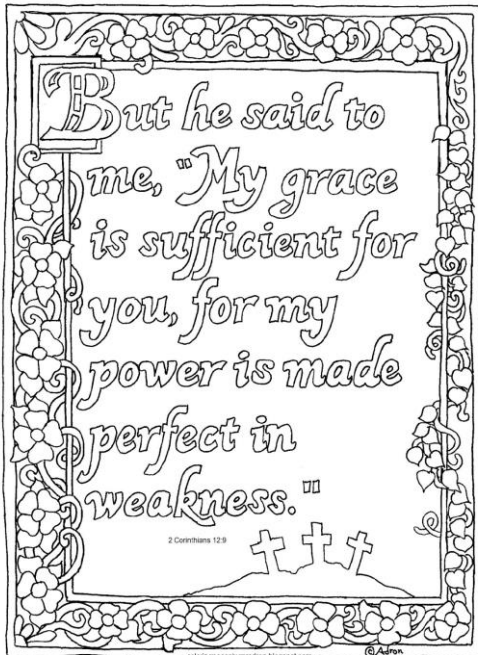
We don’t know what Paul’s weakness was, but he called it his “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Paul prayed that God would deliver him from his affliction \_\_\_ times!

Lesson: Our weakness, whatever it is, can become our \_\_\_\_\_ if we will commit it to God!

Word List

3                      mental                      moral  
Physical              strength                      Thorn in the Flesh  
Weaknesses



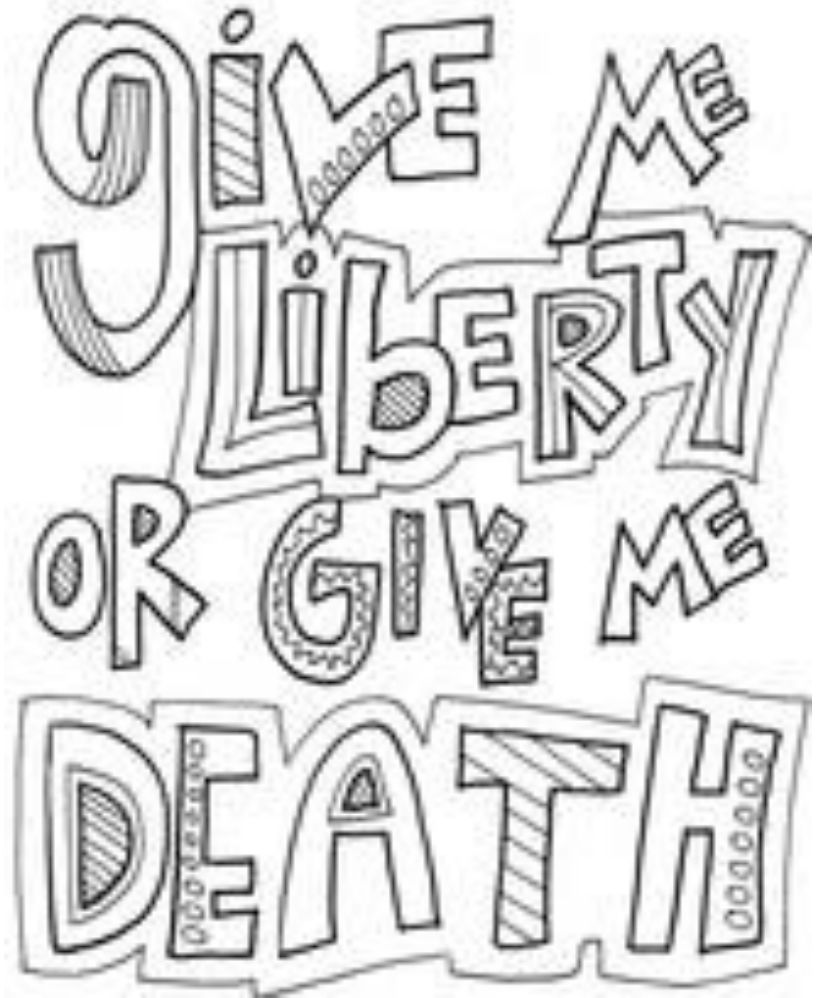
**#3. – If it helps us \_\_\_\_\_ our life’s course.**

Sometimes what seems like a weakness is only a signal that we are pursuing the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

Who wrote the famous phrase: “Give me liberty or give me death”?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Word List

Change                      Patrick Henry                      trail



#2. – If they make us more determined to give our \_\_\_\_\_ in ALL circumstances.

If you believe that God is your Creator, then you know that God made you for a greater \_\_\_\_\_ than your own happiness and comfort!

People should feel some \_\_\_\_\_ from your life.

How you choose to \_\_\_\_\_ to your weakness matters!

God may shimmer in our \_\_\_\_\_, but He shines in our \_\_\_\_\_!

Word List

|         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Best    | impact    | purpose  |
| respond | strengths | weakness |



## Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

### Decoder

## Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

*My Grace is*



Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you." 2 Corinthians 12:8-9a

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 22-1-24-5-11-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-1-6-24-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-14-2-19 \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

|       |            |         |          |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|
| thorn | sufficient | perfect | hardship |
| flesh | Christ     | speak   | weak     |
| grace | power      | truth   | strong   |

Our weakness can become a strength.....

#1. – If it causes us to \_\_\_\_\_.

When we can grow beyond \_\_\_\_\_, beyond self-centeredness, beyond immaturity – then we can \_\_\_\_\_ God’s glory!

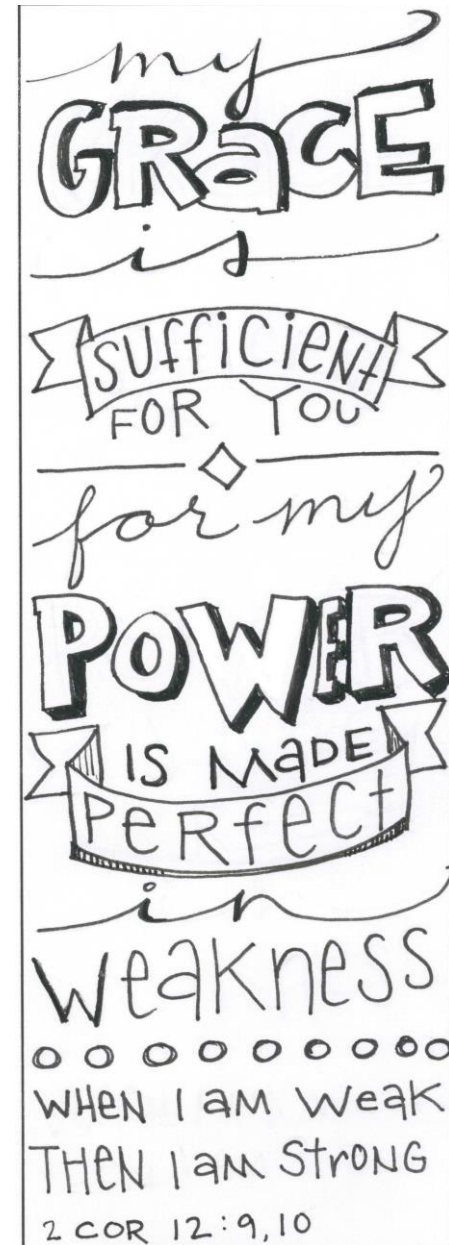
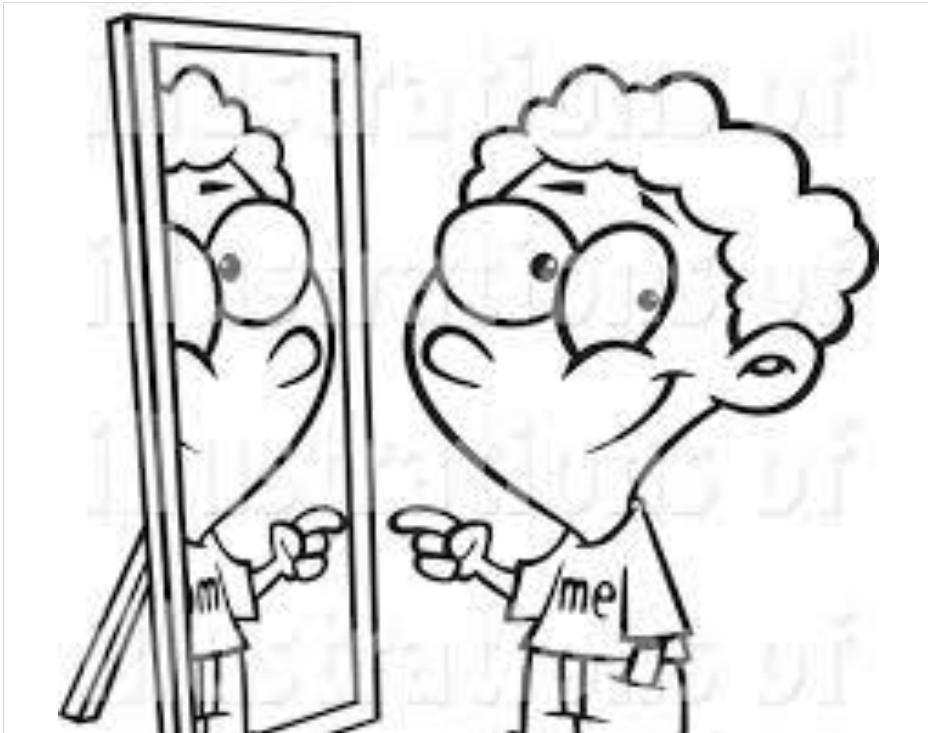
God’s glory may \_\_\_\_\_ in our strengths, but it \_\_\_\_\_ in our weaknesses!

Someone said: *“Our disappointments are His appointments!”*

It is only human to pray for God to \_\_\_\_\_ our troubles.

Word List

|         |         |        |
|---------|---------|--------|
| fear    | fix     | Grow   |
| reflect | shimmer | shines |



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#4. – Our weaknesses may become strengths if they remind us of our \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

Paul was a man of tremendous \_\_\_\_\_. He was also a man of unquestionable \_\_\_\_\_ powers.

If it weren't for his "thorn in the flesh" he would have leaned on his own \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

His weakness became his strength. His scar became a \_\_\_\_\_. His hurt became a \_\_\_\_\_.

Why doesn't God take away our weaknesses?

Because our life is meant to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love and power!

Word List

|            |            |       |
|------------|------------|-------|
| ability    | Dependence | halo  |
| intellect  | persuasive | power |
| reflection | star       |       |

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10 – “.... Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 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.”**

**When I am weak, THEN I am strong!**

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