

MESSAGE NOTES

When You're Waiting, Pt. 2

March 29, 2020

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Sometimes we have to accept our weakness.

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. (2 Corinthians 12:7, ESV)

Accepting our weakness allows us to accept _____.

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

Embracing our weakness allows us to experience _____.

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 12:10, ESV)

TALK IT OVER

- 1) How has embracing your weakness allowed you to experience Christ's power?
- 2) God's grace is like fuel; it keeps us going, gives us joy, helps us live with purpose, and points us forward forward to even greater hope in Jesus. How do you need God's grace to be like fuel for you right now?
- 3) God's grace is like a cleanser; it changes us and makes us new. How do you need God's grace to be like a cleanser for you right now?
- 4) What is God doing in you during this season of waiting?
- 5) What is God doing through you during this season of waiting?

THIS WEEK, THINK ABOUT

- 1) What thorns in the flesh have you experienced?
- 2) Has there ever been a time that God told you no? How did you respond to that message?
- 3) How have you discovered purpose in your weaknesses, problems, and seasons of waiting?

4) If you are comfortable, share your thoughts with someone else (your small group?) and invite their feedback.

PRAYER

“Heavenly Father, teach me how to live in my weaknesses so I may learn to depend on Jesus. Remind me that it is in my weaknesses that Christ’s strength and ability is on display.”