

Strong when I am Weak
“Sufficient For You”
2 Corinthians 12:9-10
September 7, 2025

Sermon Points:

1. The World’s Message: “Never Show Weakness”

- Cultural pressure to appear strong, capable, and in control.
- Example: “Never let them see you sweat” dry idea campaign.
- Even biblical calls to “be strong” (Joshua 1) can be misunderstood outside of gospel context.

2. Paul’s Counter-Intuitive Witness

- Boasting in Weakness (2 Cor 11:16–30):
 - Paul lists sufferings, hardships, and vulnerabilities—not achievements.
- The Purpose of the Thorn (2 Cor 12:7–8):
 - A “thorn in the flesh” kept Paul humble and dependent on God.

3. God’s Sufficient Grace

- Divine Response (2 Cor 12:9):
 - “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
- Gospel Paradox (2 Cor 12:10):
 - “When I am weak, then I am strong.”
 - Strength is found in surrender to Christ’s power.

4. How Weakness Becomes Strength

- Dependence, Not Deficiency:
 - Weakness is an opportunity to rely on God’s unlimited resources.
- Growth Mindset:
 - What we call “weakness” God calls a “growth area”—add “yet” to your self-talk.
- Community Witness:
 - Our vulnerabilities become testimonies of God’s faithfulness.

5. Living in Gospel Strength

- Let Go of Self-Sufficiency:
 - Where you are weak, Christ is strong.
- Embrace Your Thorns:
 - What keeps you humble keeps you close to God.
- Step Out in Faith:
 - Look for areas where you must rely on God—and watch Him work.

Personal Notes
