

Strong when I am Weak
“Jesus on the Cross”
Matthew 27:27-50
October 12, 2025

Sermon Points:

Introduction: Where is True Power Found?

1. The Paradox of the Cross (v. 32-44)

- The ultimate powerlessness of Jesus.
- The mocked King is the true King.

2. The Power in Forsakenness (v. 45-54)

- Jesus's cry of agony and trust.
- The torn veil: God's power opens the way for us.

3. Our Response: Living the C.R.O.S.S.

The cross calls us to a life where God's power shines through our weakness:

- Confess your weakness daily.
- Rejoice in Christ's ransom constantly.
- Obey God in the darkness.
- Serve from your scars.
- Shine by pointing to the Cross.

Community Group Discussion Questions

1. Looking Back - Understanding the Message

Goal: To review and ensure understanding of the sermon's main points.

1. What part of the sermon on "The Power of Powerlessness" was most impactful or surprising for you?
2. The sermon presented the cross as a paradox: power found in powerlessness. How does this flip our normal understanding of what it means to be strong?
3. Pastor explained that Jesus's cry, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" was both genuine agony and a profound act of trust. How does this change the way you view times when God feels distant?

2. Looking In - Sharing Our Stories

Goal: To foster openness and sharing about one's own weaknesses.

4. Where in your life do you feel the most pressure to project strength and hide your "powerlessness"?
5. **For a quieter moment of reflection:** If you feel comfortable, share about a time when you experienced God's strength or grace precisely when you felt weak or inadequate.
6. What would it look like for you to see your weaknesses not as liabilities to hide, but as potential places for God's power to be displayed?

3. Looking Forward - Taking Practical Steps

Goal: To brainstorm practical, "how-to" steps for living out the C.R.O.S.S. together as a group.

7. Looking at the C.R.O.S.S. acronym, which step feels most challenging for you to live out right now? (Confess, Rejoice, Obey, Serve, Shine)
8. The "Serve from your scars" step suggests our weaknesses can become credentials for ministry. As a group, brainstorm one practical way you could serve others this month that leans into your collective experiences and empathy.
9. How can we, as a small group, better support each other in embracing the "power of powerlessness" this week?

Personal Notes
