

NOVEMBER 30

**“GOD DOESN’T USE
OUR STRENGTHS, HE USES
OUR WEAKNESSES.”**

READ

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Our weaknesses are glaringly obvious — we hate them. We think we’d be better off without them, but Jesus said, “My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Jesus made a way for us to tap into His strength despite our weakness. We have access to the same authority that Jesus has, as His child and as a believer. But that authority only works when you’re weak. You do not have power and authority when you feel strong and good about yourself. God despises self-confidence. God is not one bit interested in your confidence or ability. He’s looking for the helpless and hopeless who have nothing to lean on but the arms of Jesus. They are people who have nothing to believe in but the Word of Jesus and no ability outside the ability of the Holy Spirit. We think if we could get rid of this one “thing,” then we could really work for God. Three times Paul pleaded with the Lord to take his “thing” from him. God did not. He didn’t remove the thorn, but He gave him grace. Receive His grace.

PRAY

God, just as You gave the children of Israel manna for the day, Your grace was sufficient for Paul, and it’s enough for me. Today in my weakness, let me find strength in You.

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