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We are weak... yet by God's power we will live with him to serve you."

2 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

I am with you; that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people."

2 Corinthians 12:9a (LB)

He says, *"My thoughts and my ways are higher than yours."*

Isaiah 55:9 (CEV)

The Bible says, *"God purposely chose...what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful."*

1 Corinthians 1:27 (TEV)

For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.

2 Corinthians 13:4

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

1 Corinthians 1:27

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The Bible says, *"We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us."*

2 Corinthians 4:7 (CEV)

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

2 Corinthians 4:7

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"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16 (NIV)

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16

"We are only human beings like you."

Acts 14:15 (NCV)

and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

Acts 14:15

Paul said, *"I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses."*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10a (NLT)

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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Paul said, *"I am quite happy about 'the thorn,'...for when I am weak, then I am strong-the less I have, the more I depend on him."*

2 Corinthians 12:10 (LB)

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Paul said, *"So I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations."*

2 Corinthians 12:7

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!

2 Corinthians 12:7

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"a mighty man of valor"

Judges 6:12 (KJV)

The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

Judges 6:12

"the father of those who have faith"

Romans 4:11 (NLT)

and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

Romans 4:11

"a rock"

Matthew 16:18 (TEV)

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Matthew 16:18

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"a man after my own heart"

Acts 13:22 (NLT)

"It would be too long to recount the stories of the faith of ... Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets... their weakness was turned into strength."

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NLT)

His failures: *"When I want to do good, I don't, and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway."*

Romans 7:19 (NLT)

His feelings: *"I have told you all my feelings."*

2 Corinthians 6:11 (LB)

His frustrations: *"We were crushed and completely over-whelmed, and we thought we would never live through it."*

2 Corinthians 1:8 (NLT)

After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'

Acts 13:22

And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34

For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

Romans 7:19

Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

2 Corinthians 6:11

For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

2 Corinthians 1:8

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His fears: *"When I came to you, I was weak and fearful and trembling."*

1 Corinthians 2:3 (NCV)

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Paul said, *"I am going to boast only about how weak I am and how great God is to use such weakness for his glory."*

2 Corinthians 12:5b (LB)

who *"understands every weakness of ours,"*

Hebrews 4:1a (CEV)

who *"helps us in our weakness."*

Romans 8:26a (NIV)

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Verse to Remember:

"My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9a (NIV)

I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,

1 Corinthians 2:3

On behalf of such a man I will boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses.

2 Corinthians 12:5

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:1

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Romans 8:26

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9