

## USING OUR WEAKNESSES

Part 3 of 3

I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets... whose weakness was turned to strength

Hebrews 11:32, 34

### How to Use Our Weaknesses

- I. Admit my weaknesses
- II. Be grateful for my weaknesses 2 Cor. 12:9b (Ph)  
Why? 4 Benefits
  1. It guarantees God's power 2 Cor. 12:10 (LB)
  2. It prevents arrogance 2 Cor. 12:7
  3. It causes me to value others 1 Cor. 12:22 (LB)
  4. It gives me a ministry 2 Cor. 1:4

- III. Share my weaknesses  
Why?
  1. It is emotionally healthy James 5:16
  2. It is spiritually empowering James 4:6
  3. It is relationally attractive 1 Thessalonians 2:8
  4. It is a mark of leadership 1 Cor. 11:1

### What do I share? Like the Apostle Paul . . .

1. My F\_\_\_\_\_ Romans 7:18,19
2. My F\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 6:11
3. My F\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 3:5
4. My F\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 1:8,9
5. My F\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 2:3, 5

### Biblical Examples of God using weak people, turning Weakness into Strength

1. Moses Exodus 2; Numbers 12:3
2. David Acts 13:22; 2 Samuel 11
3. Abraham Genesis 15:6; Romans 4; Genesis 12:3
4. Gideon Judges 6 - 8
5. Peter Matthew 16:18; 26:69 - 75; 17:4; John 18:10
6. Jacob Genesis 32:22 - 32
7. Jesus 2 Corinthians 13:4 "Although He died on the cross in weakness, Jesus now lives by the mighty power of God. We, too, are weak, but we live in Him and have God's power."

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