

“for power is perfected in  
weakness”

2 Corinthians 12.9

" 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! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me."

2 Corinthians 12:7-8, NASB95

"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, NASB95

" Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself,

**Paul received direct revelation from Christ and to keep him in check the Lord created situations in Paul's life that only He could deliver him from**

2 Corinthians 12:7-8, NASB95

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flesh, a messenger of Satan to  
torment me

Paul never had the liberty to experience freedom as we know it. The Lord gave Paul great revelations but also allowed a messenger of satan to thwart his liberty

2 Corinthians 12:7-8, NASB95

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**,

(2 Corinthians 12:10, NASB95)

Paul again explains that he was...

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in much endurance, in  
afflictions, in hardships, in  
distresses,"

2 Corinthians 6:4, NASB

This was to keep him from  
exalting himself !

2 Corinthians 12:7-8, NASB95



He implored the Lord but the Lord said...

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Power is Perfected in weakness so that "so that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

1 Corinthians 2:5, NASB95

Power is Perfected in weakness?

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So that you are **strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man** (Eph 3.16)

**because you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you** (Philippians 4.13)

Ephesians 3:16, NASB95

## Power is Perfected in weakness?

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"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, NASB95

Power is Perfected in weakness?

Paul said he was

...afflicted in every way, but not  
crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;  
persecuted, but not forsaken; struck  
down, but not destroyed;"

2 Corinthians 4:8-9, NASB95

Power is Perfected in weakness?

David said.....

It is good for me that I was  
afflicted, That I may learn...

Psalms 119.71

"Before I was afflicted I  
went astray,

Psalm 119:67, NASB95



David was a tested warrior.

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At ANY time He could have taken Saul's life and positioned himself to be King.

**David did not trust his own  
ability but made room for the  
Lord**

When David had opportunity to take the Throne by force...he declined and said

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"to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?"

1 Samuel 26:9-10, NASB95

Further David said....

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“As the Lord lives, surely the Lord will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish.”

1 Samuel 26:9-10, NASB95

David went after Saul at the cost of his life and said....

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“Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord had given you today into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but my eye had pity on you; and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.’”

David ended the conversation with these words....

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**“The Lord therefore be judge and decide between you and me; and may He see and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”**”

1 Samuel 24:15, NASB95

David endured patiently

Power is Perfected in weakness?

so that the life of Jesus also may  
be manifested in our body.

2 Co 4:10.

Paul said....

"For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,"

2 Corinthians 4:17, NASB95



"Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge."

2 Corinthians 5:5, NASB95

## Power is Perfected in weakness?

“...in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit,

2 Corinthians 6:4-7, NASB95

"by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live;

2 Corinthians 6:8-10, NASB95

as punished yet not put to death, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things."

2 Corinthians 6:8-10, NASB95

Power is Perfected in weakness?

Paul pointed out....

"For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within."

(2 Corinthians 7:5, NASB95)

Power is Perfected in weakness?

He who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Cor 1.4



"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; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves **so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;**"

Power is Perfected in weakness?

## Present in weakness but operating in Power

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"For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. **I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,** and my **message** and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,"**

1 Corinthians 2:2-4, NASB95

# Crucified because of weakness

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"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, NASB95

for when I am weak, then I  
am strong

2 Corinthians 12.10

Power is Perfected in weakness?

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