



## Becoming Stronger

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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*Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to equip you to do the next right thing. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action around your group.*

### KEY POINT

The Apostle Paul is well known for his passion for the Gospel regardless of the situation. We get a peek into a time in his life when he really struggled. He was at the end of his rope, with nowhere else to turn. So, he cried out to Jesus. The response Paul received turned his weakness into strength. How do we become stronger during this season?

### LAUNCH IT

- When have you struggled emotionally or relationally in the last two months?
- When has fear or anxiety invaded your heart or mind?
- How did you respond in those situations?

### EXPLORE IT

- Read **2 Corinthians 6:3-10**.
  - As you read through everything Paul experienced as a Jesus follower, what do you resonate with the most?
  - How do you think you would have responded if you experienced everything that Paul did?
- Read **2 Corinthians 11:24-27**.
  - This almost seems impossible to survive, yet, Paul not only survived but he thrived as he continued to point people to a relationship with Jesus. What do you think it takes to be able to live through what Paul did and continue to spread the Gospel?
  - What would need to change in you to persevere through this season such that you are able to continue to point people to a relationship with Jesus?
- Read **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**.
  - Thorns hurt – how do you process pain in your life?
  - The origin of pain is not God – are you more likely to blame God or Satan when you experience pain? Why?
  - You can pray for relief – how are you crying out to God right now?
  - Sometimes the things of God don't make sense – what confusion are you experiencing right now?
- How are you becoming strong through your weaknesses?
  - Read **John 15:5**.
  - Read **Philippians 4:13**.

### APPLY IT

Make a list of all of the places where you are weak and then find Biblical examples or promises of God that can remind you that God's power is made perfect in your weakness.