Dependence

Exodus 4:10-13; Judges 6:12-16; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5; 2 Corinthians 4:7, 16; 12:9b-10



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LEAD-IN: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."...

When I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:9-10, NIV).

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Strength in Weakness

We want to be "the whole package".

We want to be strong enough to handle

every situation,

every challenge,

every demand.

We want to be self-sufficient.

That is not what our loving Father wants for us.

That is not who He created us to be.

When the Apostle Paul was overwhelmed by a physical disability,

three times he prayed for healing and wholeness.

God didn't grant it.

Instead, He answered,

"My grace is sufficient for you,

for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV)

What made Jesus sufficient for

every situation and every challenge He faced?

Not self-sufficiency, but

complete and constant dependence on His Father.

God is the Almighty All-in-all.

HE is the one source of

all power, all wisdom,

all holiness, and all love.

Like Jesus and the Apostle Paul, we are complete

in Him.

We are strong

in Him.

We are able to handle

every situation and every challenge

by depending

constantly, completely, and joyfully

on Him.

When are weak, then we are strong (2 Corinthians 12:10, adapted).

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