2 Corinthians: Stronger Than I Look

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Strength Grows in _____

World: Strength = _____

Gospel: Strength = _____

Weakness Makes Room For _____

World: Weakness _____ of what I need.

Gospel: What I _____ comes only by grace.

Grace Sparks _____

World: Giving motivated by _____

Gospel: Giving flows from trusting God, even _____

Generosity Strengthens _____

World: _____ because of _____.

Gospel: Sow _____, trusting God to _____.

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Discussion Questions

Name It

1. What is one idea, phrase, or moment from the sermon that stood out to you most?
2. The sermon described the pressure many people feel to look strong even when they are struggling. Where do you see this pressure in your life: work, family life, social media, church culture, or somewhere else? How does it make you feel?

Know It

1. Do you have anything in the sermon that felt unclear to you?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8–9. Why do you think dependence on God often develops most clearly during difficult seasons rather than comfortable ones?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7–9. The world's perspective defines strength equals independence, control, and success. Paul defines strength as fragile vessels sustained by God's grace. Which definition feels more true to you, and why?

Think It

1. The sermon suggested that people often try to appear strong because of fear of failure, or being ordinary, or not mattering. Why do you think weakness feels so uncomfortable to admit?
2. Paul openly listed his hardships and weaknesses (2 Corinthians 11). How might honesty about struggle actually strengthen relationships and community instead of weakening them?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–5. The Macedonian churches practiced generosity even during hardship. Why does trusting God's grace make generosity possible?

Change It

1. The message described a progression: From Weakness to Grace to Generosity to Trust. Where do you see yourself most right now in that progression? What would moving forward or deeper look like to you?