

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP HANDOUT

When Strength Is Gone
2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Discussion Questions

1. Weakness & Weariness

- Where do you currently feel tired, stretched thin, or at the end of yourself?

2. The Thorn That Remains

- Paul speaks of a “thorn in the flesh” that would not leave.
- What makes ongoing or unresolved hardship especially difficult for you?

3. How We Interpret Suffering

- Why are we often tempted to see suffering as punishment, abandonment, or failure rather than something God may be using?

4. Turning Inward or Upward

- When life gets hard, what are you most tempted to run to first?
- What keeps you from bringing your weakness honestly to God?

5. When God Says No

- God did not remove Paul’s thorn, but He gave him a promise instead.
- Why is trusting God’s grace sometimes harder than getting relief?

6. Redefining Strength

- Paul says Christ’s power rests on him in weakness.

- How does that challenge the way you think about strength, success, or maturity as a Christian?

7. Endurance as Faithfulness

- The miracle isn't thriving—it's continuing to trust Christ under pressure.
 - What would faithfulness look like for you right now if you truly believed God's grace is sufficient?
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Closing Reflection

- **What's one thing God impressed on you tonight that you want to carry into this week?**