

**CELEBRATE  
OUR  
DEPENDENCE**



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THE  
GOOD  
GIFT  
OF  
WEAKNESS

*God's Strength Made Perfect  
in the Story of Redemption*

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“THERE’S NOTHING  
INHERENTLY WRONG ABOUT  
BEING WEAK. WEAKNESS ISN’T  
A BUG IN THE DESIGN OF THE  
UNIVERSE; IT’S A FEATURE.  
IT’S HOW GOD MADE US.”

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*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the*



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*ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food."* And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

*Genesis 1:26-31*

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*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

*Genesis 2:15-18*





*To keep me from becoming conceited because these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*



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*At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.*

*Luke 10:21*







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*The spiritual math is never,*

*“my weakness plus his strength equals my power.”*

*Rather, it is,*

*“my weakness plus his strength equals His power.”*

*R. Kent Hughes, 2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness*

