

August 19th

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Message: Be Odd for God

2 Corinthians 12:7-10: So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave 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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Each and every one of us has a weakness. Sometimes it's the way we view our past. God can and will forgive us of our sins, no matter how bad we think they may be. We can either choose to allow his grace and forgiveness to give up peace, or we can choose to wallow in our shame.

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Paul had a weakness too and he prayed for the Lord to remove it. The Lord chose to deny Paul's request to have this weakness removed. The Lord said to Paul, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

How awesome it is that in our weakness, God's power is made perfect!

So here's the big question:

How can God use you today?

- Tell people about Him
- Smile at someone who needs it more than you know
 - Pray for others
 - Study God's Word
 - Be an example for others
 - Bring someone to FCA
- Glorify Him in all that you do, say, and think

Those who don't know Christ might think we're odd, but that's okay. Be odd for God!