

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
"THE LIABILITY OF ABILITY"  
2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

**Introduction:**

- According to 2 Corinthians 12:9, the question is not, "Are you strong enough to live the Christian life, but are you **weak** enough?"
- When you trust in your abilities instead of trusting in God, your abilities actually become liabilities.

**How do we overcome the liability of ability?**

**First, God must bring us to the *end* of our abilities. vs. 1-8**

- God will intentionally allow us to get into situations that are **greater** than our ability to solve.
- These times are designed to bring us to the end of our self-sufficiency and help us learn to **rest** in Christ and trust His grace and power.

**Second, we must see the *all-sufficiency* of Christ's strength. vs. 8-9**

- God wants to bring us to the point where we recognize how much we **need** Him. God doesn't want us to be consumed with our abilities, but consumed with Christ.
- Christ's strength is **all-sufficient**! 2 Corinthians 4:7, 3:5

- *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5*

**Third, we view *trials* as opportunities to demonstrate Christ’s power. vs. 9-10**

- How could Paul rejoice in problems? Because Paul had seen the power of Christ working through him and the eternal significance of it.
- These problems were a reminder to Paul of how much he ***needed*** Jesus.
- God loves you so much that He will use ***pain***, if necessary to bring you into a dependent relationship with Him.

- As you renounce self-sufficiency and rest in the all-sufficiency of Christ in you, you will witness God doing amazing things ***through*** you.