



May 22, 2022 | Part 6: Stop Pretending

Embrace My Limits, _____, and _____ Because
They Remind Me to Depend Upon the _____.

2 Corinthians 12:1-6 I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

“I Have to Be Strong” Comes from My _____ and
Really Means I Have to _____.

Where Strength Isn’t Found:

1. _____ - Ignoring My Problems.

2. _____ It – Pretending to Be Strong.

3. _____ - Posing For Others.

The One Thing

Real Strength Is Found in _____ My
_____ and Learning to Lean on Christ.

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Four Learnings for Moments When My Strength Is Gone:

1. Prayer – Prayers Helps Me _____ with God and
_____ God’s Answers.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

2. Character – Pride is a _____ in
All of Us.

2 Corinthians 12:7

3. Security – Let Christ Be _____ in My Life.

2 Corinthians 12:9

4. Confidence – What Satan Intends to _____ Me, Jesus
Repurposes to _____ Me.