



Week 3

Spider #2: I am not enough

Main Text: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Additional Texts: 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 2:4-5

Before You Begin: Share with the group a time when you were (felt or actually) not prepared or trained for the task that was before you. How did that make you feel?

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is someone that you knew or know that you think very highly of? What makes you think highly of them?
2. When people think highly of you, what are the thoughts that go through your mind? Why?
3. What do you think the people in Corinth thought of Paul? Did they have reason to think highly of him?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-8.** What do you think was wrong with Paul? (There are a million different theories as to what the “thorn” is ranging from an eye site problem to a limp to a woman that chased him around the Mediterranean rim... seriously). How does it make you feel that in spite of all the good things Paul did and in spite of how we view him or how the Corinthians viewed him, there was still something that humbled him. There was something that not everyone knew. There was weakness.
5. When faced with your own shortcomings, have you ever found yourself running away from complements? Why do we do this?
6. When we buy into the lie that we aren’t enough, what are some ways that we cope? What are some “webs” that we spin?
7. What COULD Paul have done given his shortcoming?
8. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**
9. How DOES Paul deal with it?
10. When we agree with the lie and allow the “spider” to live, how can our shortcomings be used by Satan to derail the will of God for our lives? If we are able to put to death the lie, then how do our shortcomings point others to the power of Christ in our lives?
11. Can you find solace in the fact that even when you don’t have what it takes, God uses your weakness to point others to Him? Why or why not? Has this been hard for you in the past?
12. Connect the lesson to last week: Even when the world says you aren’t enough, God is enough, and God says that you are enough— just as he made you!
13. **Read 1 Peter 2:9—** You are God’s special possession

14. **Read Ephesians 2:4-5**— Christ died for you because he LOVES you so much.
15. How can these verses be used as a truth that puts to death the lie that we aren't enough?