

# Desperation, Resignation - Part 2

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*God desires to use us for His purposes, but we must first give up distrust and despair and trust in His sufficient grace and strength.*

**Duration:** 8:49

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 15:17, 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

**Topics:** "Trusting God", "Spiritual Strength"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting God even in times of despair and bitterness, highlighting the need to cleanse our hearts from unworthy suspicions concerning God's faithfulness. It contrasts the responses of Jeremiah and the apostle Paul to difficulties, showing how Paul found strength in weakness through God's grace. The message encourages believers to find strength and glory in their weaknesses, knowing that God's power is made perfect in their weaknesses.

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## Transcript

I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced, I sat alone, because of thy hand that thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual? Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail? Therefore thus saith the Lord," the next verse says, Therefore thus saith the Lord, Well, what can God say to a man in such a state as this? What can God say to a man in such a state as this? Therefore thus saith the Lord, If, if thou return, if thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me. And if thou take forth the precious from the vial, if thou take forth the precious from the vial, thou shalt be my mouth.

These words that God said to Jeremiah in verse 19 are staggering words, beloved. They are staggering words. One of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church said that the most accurate interpretation, the most accurate interpretation of what God was actually saying, the meaning of the words that God was saying to Jeremiah in verse 19 would read like this, If you give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair, If you give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair, cleansing your own heart from unworthy suspicions concerning God's faithfulness, cleansing your own heart from unworthy suspicions concerning God's faithfulness, you shall be as my mouth.

But if you don't, child, I can never use you again. I will never use you again, child, if you don't. If you give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair, cleansing your own heart from unworthy suspicions

concerning God's faithfulness, you shall be as my mouth, Jeremiah.

You shall be as my mouth. But if you don't, child, I cannot use you. I will not use you again, ever again.

It would be the end of his ministry if he didn't do something about this distrust and despair. I want us all to take careful note here. I want us all to take careful note here.

God does not come to this man. God does not come to this man and say, Oh, Jeremiah, I'm going to take out of your life and circumstances all the things that are hurting you. God does not come to this man and say, Oh, Jeremiah, I'm going to take out of your life and circumstances all the things that are hurting you, the things you fear I should never have allowed to come in your life in the first place.

No, beloved God does not come and say that to this man. These things were never meant to destroy you or your faith and trust in me, child. These things were never meant to destroy you or your faith and trust in me, child, though I allowed them.

I allowed them. The apostle Paul realized why God allowed these things in his life. And he wrote in 2 Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 7, lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations.

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations that was given to me of God in the flesh. The messenger of Satan, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me, that it might depart from me.

And he said unto me, and he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee. My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness, in weakness, in weakness.

Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses.

For Christ's sake, when I am weak, then am I strong. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses. For Christ's sake, when I am weak, then am I strong.

O beloved, Jeremiah sank in despair and bitterness in his difficulties and troubles. Jeremiah sank in despair and bitterness in his difficulties and troubles. But Paul, in the same difficulties, wrote in 2 Corinthians 4 verse 8, We are troubled, we are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, not distressed.

We are perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken. Cast down, but not destroyed.

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