

Parenting in Weakness

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II Corinthians 11:30-12:10

**But God chose what is foolish in
the world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong.**

I Corinthians 1:27

**In what must have been a daring
exercise in antiquity, Paul takes
the literary convention of boasting
and inverts it. His boast is in folly,
weakness, disappointment and
defeat.**

Paul Barnett

The “thorn” from God kept Paul from imagining himself as a spiritual superman, and revealed to him the reality of his human mortality and weakness despite his extraordinary revelations. The “thorn” also kept Paul pinned close to the Lord, in trust and confidence.

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We can have no power from Christ unless we live in persuasion that we have none of our own.

John Owen

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15