

GOING DEEPER

Discipleship Resources for Community Church



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OUR INADEQUACY IS NO MATCH FOR GOD'S LOVE THROUGH US

This week we study the story of Moses - a man who deeply felt a sense of inadequacy in response to God's call in his life. His story is one that perhaps all of us have felt, in one way or another, as we have sensed God call us into his purposes in the world. Yet, as we dig deeper into Moses' story we see that God's love and power are not held back by Moses' or our weaknesses. In fact, as Paul later declares, God's "strength is made perfect in our weakness". Truly, our inadequacy, whether real or simply felt, is no roadblock for God's love to be poured into us and through us as He calls us into 'the next chapter'. Our going deeper this week will follow Paul's reflection on his own inadequacy and the fact that it's no match for God's love and power to work through him!

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, ⁷ 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.

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

THIS WEEK:

Reflection: What does the word inadequacy stir up in you? Do you feel adequate for God's love? As you look at the work that followers of Jesus are called into, do you feel capable to go where God is calling? Is there a specific calling that God has put on your heart that you felt like you simply aren't the right person for the job? Do you think Jesus is adequate for the work? Do we remember that He has promised to be with us "to the end"?

Application: Take some time this week to recall and name how God has worked in your life - to work through you in ways you didn't think were possible. Share how God's strength has been shown to be perfect in your weakness in the past with a fellow believer. Who could you invite to remind you of God's perfect strength as you consider 'the next chapter'?