

# Below the Surface- Glory in the Storm

## Sermon Notes

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**Review:** Begging God for relief or change of situation and resting in God's grace that his power is made perfect in weakness.

### **Power made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 11:24-29; 12:9b-10**

- Paul had every reason to be angry or dissatisfied with God not sparing him from the relentless suffering.
- God had every reason to have not allowed Paul another day of life.
- In Paul's weakness, God's power becomes evident.
- Hence Paul celebrated his weaknesses, his trials, his insults, his persecutions, and difficulties. (9b-10a)
- When we are at our weakest, God's power brings us to our greatest moments of strength because we are not relying on our power but his! (10b)

### **Preparing for the storms—it's about the mindset. 1 Peter 4:12-19**

- **Mindset: Expect challenges!** Expecting storms removes much of the shock that often causes unfounded blame towards God. (12)
- **Mindset: Do not fear unknowns.** Live not in fear of a coming storm but abide near the one who shelters you by participating with Jesus in your daily walk. (13a)
- **Mindset: Have an eternal perspective.** Praise God in the midst of the storm knowing that his glory will be revealed some day. (13b)
- **Mindset: Proud to be with Jesus!** Consider it an honor to be in the storm if it is related to living for Jesus. (16)
- **Mindset: Resolve to keep going forward.** If you stop living or going forward you will wallow in self-pity, depression, and hopelessness. (19)

### **Bragging on Jesus.**

- I praise him for his grace!
- I praise him for the hope of future glory!
- I praise him for an opportunity to live today!