

Judges 13 Homework

Goal: Memorize 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

Day 1

Reflection Questions

Read 2 Corinthians 11: 16-12:10 quickly.

What things does Paul boast about in 2 Corinthians 11: 21-29?

What are some things in your life (spiritual or otherwise that you can boast about)?

However, what is Paul going to choose to boast about? See 2 Corinthians 11: 30.

What strange experience did Paul have that he could boast about? See 2 Corinthians 12: 1-5.

Some think this took place during the time after his conversion before his public ministry. See Galatians 1: 11-24.

How would you feel if you got to experience a vision of heaven like Paul or John?

How do you think it would affect you spiritually?

What does Paul choose to do instead of boast? See 2 Corinthians 12: 5.

What was sent to Paul to keep him from gaining spiritual pride? See 2 Corinthians 12: 7.

Who did this messenger belong to?

What was its purpose?

How many times did Paul pray to be rid of it? See 2 Corinthians 12: 8.

Did God answer his prayer? See 2 Corinthians 12: 9.

Was it the answer Paul wanted?

Does God always answer our prayers?

Is it always the answer we want?

When else did God not give the desired answer? See Matthew 26: 36-44.

How many times did Jesus pray?

What caveat did Jesus add to his prayer?

Does God have control over the devil and our trials and circumstance in life?

What confidence does that give you in the face of trials?

Day 2

Reflection Questions

Think back on all the judges, you've read about so far. List their weakness, and describe how God used that to show His power.

Ehud

Judges 3: 15-16, 21

Barak

Judges 4: 8-9, 21

Gideon

Judges 6: 11, 15, 22

Jephthah

Judges 11: 1-3, 10-11

Samson

Judges 16: 17, 28-30

Who else's power was made perfect in weakness? See Philippians 2: 6-9.

Who do you think would have gotten the glory if they could attribute their victories to their natural abilities?

What then should you look for in a leader?

What does God look at? See 1 Samuel 16:7.

How does this compare to Luke 18: 9-14?

What was amazing about the people Jesus chose to be his disciples? See Acts 4:13.

Why don't they have to worry?

When we are weak what should we depend on? See Luke 12: 11-12.

Oftentimes in life our weaknesses become our strengths and our strengths become our weaknesses.

List a few strengths that you have that have times made you weak spiritually?

What are some weaknesses that you have had that God has used in spite of you?

In fact, how paradoxical are worldly things in the kingdom of God? See James 1:9-11.

Because of this what does Paul boast about in 2 Corinthians 12: 9?

How does this compare to Jeremiah 9:23-24?

Do you have a problem with boasting in your abilities?

How can you boast more in the Lord?

Day 3

Reflection Questions

What does Paul's weakness's actually make him in 2 Corinthians 12: 10?

Why?

How is God's power made perfect in us? See 2 Corinthians 12: 9.

What does His power accomplish in us? See Ephesians 3:20.

Again, what did we say perfected God's power in us? See 2 Corinthians 12:9.

So if we want God to do more in us that we can ask of imagine, what should we expect?

What has God done in your life that you could have never asked or imagined apart from him?

Are there any areas in your life where God is calling you to trust Him in your weakness and yet still act in faith, so he can work?

What else does this power do? See Ephesians 3: 16-19.

What is one of the goals of his power? See Ephesians 3: 18-19.

What is another goal? See Ephesians 3:20.

It is still difficult being weak, so what are we to depend on in 2 Corinthians 12: 9?

How can you depend on God's grace more in your life?

