

**Answer Key:**

**What are the benefits of Weakness?**

1. dependence
2. pride
3. other
4. capacity

**Five “F” ...**

1. failures
2. feelings
3. faults
4. frustrations
5. fear

**Encourage**

**Part 3**

*Can God Uses Weak People?*

**1 Corinthians 2:3-5 Message**

***“I was unsure of how to go about this and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it—and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God’s Spirit and God’s power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God’s power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.”***

**Introductory Statement**

***People say, “Well, I don’t believe God can use me.” You are insulting God. You are limiting Him. “Well,” you say, “all right then, I will just serve God in my poor little old weak way.” Quit it! He doesn’t want you to serve him in your “poor little old weak way.” God wants to take ordinary people and do extraordinary things through them!***

**1 Thessalonians 5:14 NLT**

***"Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy.***  
***Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are***  
***weak. Be patient with everyone.***

***It is an absolute myth that you must be a super human being to be***  
***effective in ministry. In fact, that's a handicap in itself.***

**God is looking for people to use...**

**2 Chronicles 16:9 GWT**

***"The LORD's eyes scan the whole world to find those whose hearts***  
***are committed to him and to strengthen them."***

**What are your excuses for not giving God 100%**

- Your background
  - Pain
- Emotional
- Physical
- Spiritual
- Fear

***Where does it say in the Bible that pain and fear exempt you***  
***from serving Jesus Christ?***

**Everybody is important!**

**1 Corinthians 3 5-14 NIV**

***"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only***  
***servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has***  
***assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,***  
***but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants***  
***nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes***  
***things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one***  
***purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own***  
***labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's***  
***field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a***  
***foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But***  
***each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation***  
***other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone***  
***builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood,***  
***hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the***  
***Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire***  
***will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built***  
***survives, the builder will receive a reward."***

## What are the benefits of Weakness?

1. It creates a \_\_\_\_\_ upon God.

**Colossians 2:8 NIV**

*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

## List of weak People in the Bible...

Noah was a drunk

Abraham was too old

Isaac was a daydreamer

Jacob was a liar

Leah was ugly

Joseph was abused

Moses had a stuttering problem (*Moses stuttered*)

Gideon was afraid

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer

Rahab was a prostitute

Jeremiah and Timothy were too young

David was an adulterer and a murderer

Elijah was suicidal

Isaiah preached naked

**Jonah ran from God**

**Naomi was a widow**

**Job went bankrupt**

**John the Baptist ate bugs**

**Peter denied Christ**

2. It prevents \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 2:16 NIV**

*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

3. It causes a greater dependence upon \_\_\_\_\_ people.

**1 Peter 3:8 NLT**

*"all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude."*

4. It expands out \_\_\_\_\_ to help other.

**2 Corinthians 1:4 NIV**

*"(God) who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

*Your weaknesses can only help the people in your church if you'll have the guts to share them.*

**The Five "F" ...**

1. We need to learn to share our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 7: 15-17 Living Bible**

*"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can't help myself."*

2. We need to share our \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 6:11 NIV**

*"We have been very open in speaking to you Corinthians. We have a place for you in our hearts."*

3. We need to be honest about our \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 3:5 CEV**

*"We don't have the right to claim that we have done anything on our own. God gives us what it takes to do all that we do."*

*You have to have people on your staff and in your church who compensate for your weaknesses.*

4. We admit our \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NIV**

*"We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us as you help us by your prayers."*

5. We need to admit our \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 2: 3 NIV**

*"I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling."*