



# Scripture

**II Corinthians 4:7-18**

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# **I. Weakness Serves as the Ground for Power**

## **- Vs. 7**

### **I Corinthians 1:27-28 -**

God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, the weak things of the world to shame the strong...to show the all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.



# **I. Weakness Serves as the Ground for Power**

**- Vs. 7**

## **II Corinthians 12:9 -**

His power is perfected in weakness...I will boast all the more of my weaknesses, for when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **II. Suffering Serves as the Ground for Glory**

**- Vs. 8-9**

## **III. Death Serves as the Ground for Life**

**- Vs. 10-12**

“It is precisely the Christian’s utter frailty which lays him open to the experience of the all-sufficiency of God’s grace, so that he is able to rejoice because of his weakness- something that astonishes and baffles the world, which thinks only in terms of human ability.”

**~Philip Hughes**

## **IV. Suffering Serves as the Ground for Grace**

**- Vs. 13-15**

## **V. Decay Serves as the Ground to Renewal**

**- Vs. 16**

“Our future- who we are becoming, where we are going- matters more than our past- where and who we have been. Our future has more power to name us and define us than our past. Consummation swallows origins. Destiny, not history, is the ultimate ground of our identity. How does a prostitute named Rahab, a Moabite outsider named Ruth, an incestuous schemer named Tamar, and adulteress named Bathsheba, end up in the birth line of Jesus? Because in God’s economy the person we become, not the person we have been, is the person we truly are.”

**~Mark Buchanan, Things Unseen, 162**



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**VI. The Temporary Serves as the Ground**  
**of the Eternal - Vs. 17-18**