

STRENGTH *in* WEAKNESS

Christ on Display

2 Corinthians 2:12-17 (ESV)

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

The **context**:

A season of struggle ...

A strained relationship ...

A missed opportunity ...

And through all of that, the realization that ...

I belong _____.

He has _____ me ...

Because I am His, He can _____.

This includes ...

*God's aim for my life is **this big**:*

If I'm a Christian, _____ is the most important thing about me!

Not everyone will be ...

Some, in fact, will be ...

I have a _____ life.

This means ...

Paul is NOT saying ...

What qualifies me to represent Christ:

Two **big questions:**

For someone who makes no claim of being a Christ follower ...

For someone who is (or claims to be) a Christ-follower ...