*Thursday, May 2, 2013*

**Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (KJV)

Paul realized, as you also will, that in order to be strong, you have to become weak. Paul who was well versed in the old law found out that he could not rely on what he learned in the past, but would have to be re-taught all over again how to walk in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. (KJV)

When someone posts an ad for a job opening they look for the most qualified person; however, when God posts openings for His kingdom, His calling is not based on an outward pedigree, it’s just the opposite; and change came in my life when I looked in the mirror and realized how weak and pathetic I was. By getting out of the way I was able to give the Lord something to work with.

2 Corinthians 12:6-8 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. (KJV)

I used to think that if I studied more and tried to come off as bullet proof to others that it would make me more effective in the Lord; but every time I reverted back to works, just the opposite happened. I found out what doesn’t work, and that is anything outside the realm of faith in what our Lord has done, and not what I think I am doing on His behalf.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. (KJV)

I found that when I am open and honest with people I can relate much better with them so that they don’t feel like they are weird or ungodly because of things they have done in their past. In fact, the more I come clean with God and His people, the more they will open up.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.