

JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESSES

GALATIANS 2:20-21

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

*Leniency - The fact or quality of being more merciful or tolerant than expected; clemency.

II PETER 3:8-9

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

JAMES 5:7

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

II 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.

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.

60-0522M ADOPTION.3

...How can you preach predestination of God, foreordaining and setting, unless there's a sin atonement somewhere? Why is it each day you make a mistake, each day you do wrong? But if you're borned again, man or woman, as soon as you make the mistake, God knows you're sorry for it...

You notice that s-i-n-s. A sinner is a sinner; he does not commit sins. But the church commits sin, does wrong, gets a wrong thought, wrong impression, makes scruples, wobbles like a little child walking, trying to learn how to walk. He just don't know how to walk good yet, 'cause he's a little boy. But we have a hand that reaches down if we--gets us and steadies us, and say, "Make this step this a-way, son." He doesn't pick us up and spank us because we made a mistake; He doesn't beat us to death because we're trying to walk. He loves us like we love our children.

.....A real, real daddy wouldn't whip his child when he's trying to walk, if he falls down on the floor. Reach right down with a big strong hand and pick him up, take both hands a hold of him, say, "This is the way you do it, son. Walk like this."

61-0112 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS

...Now, sometimes it could be God. And those little fellows, just like a little kid trying to walk; now, if he falls down four or five times... Now, I've seen this since I've been here in church, and-and, well, I'll--I'll just leave it like that. See? And but... You see? But what of it, would you then say, "Brother Branham, why didn't you correct this?" No, no.

When Billy Paul back there first started to walk, he was up and down, and down more than he was up. But he didn't know how to walk. But I believe he had a gift of walking. See? I let him walk a little while. And then when he got to stumbling his big feet, I tell him about it now. You see what I mean? See? Go along looking at something else and popping and something, I say, "Pick up your feet, boy. Where you at?" See? Now, that's--that's the difference. You see?

LUKE 7:19-22

And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

62-0630B IT.WASN'T.SO.FROM.THE.BEGINNING

... then, there's something happened, disappointment. That's what happens to all of us. In your healings and things you'll find out looks like something didn't work just right. Remember, that's the enemy, and God's permitting it to give you a trial of it, see what you're going to do.

...Now, instead of Jesus coming like John said He would come, and John saw the sign and knew it was Him... He introduced to the public, "That's Him, for I see the sign that God told me." But when he got down in trouble, and his eagle eye got filmed over, as Pember said, and he didn't see so well... He thought, "Here, I preached the Messiah was going to free the people. And here a little gentle Fellow, pushed around from here and there: a strange Messiah."

...So he sent two of his disciples, and said, "Go ask Him, is He the one?" Now, that was the poorest compliment that he could've ever paid to Jesus, after he'd announced that that was the Messiah, and then come back and say, "Is that Him?" But Jesus understands our weaknesses. He turned around and paid the greatest compliment that He could pay to any man, to John...

55-0220A THE.SECOND.COMING

... All the sin of all ages is settling down into this generations of people that are living now. All the weaknesses from our fathers of inbred traditions is fell, and sicknesses, and diseases breaking out like has never been knowed in all the world.

57-0226 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS

... I know the church fails, and the church weaknesses. But Christ has no weakness. He cannot fail. He will always be Christ, the Son of God, the anointed, the Logos that went out of God. He will always be that.

59-1223 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS

... What about that, Brother Mike? Isn't that wonderful? He loved you. He loved you before there was a world. He knowed your nature; He knowed your weaknesses; He knowed your habits. He knowed all about you, what you was going to be. And then, when He looked all over the great universe, as it was, He said, "I choose you." And when He did that, before there ever was a speck of--of light, then you're eternal with God. When you receive the Holy Ghost, then you become eternal, because you have a--you're with God, you're part of God. Can you see what I mean? You are as eternal as God is...

61-1119 PERFECT.STRENGTH.BY.PERFECT.WEAKNESS

... We try to make our weaknesses excuses. We want to tell how big we are, how great we are. I think that's one of the things that I--God gave me the text for, was to get that out of our mind. See? There's little things that we do. And that's what we come to church for, is to find out where our faults is, and the things that we might better ourselves by. If we come to church for any other--any other objective than this, I'm afraid we won't get too much out of coming to church. We must come to find our weaknesses, find our bad places and our--how--see how little we are, and put our trust in Somebody that's strong. But when we have weaknesses...

... There's so many of us likes to testify or likes to think that we're insufficient; and therefore, we make that an excuse, "I have no education; I have no ability; I'm unable to do this." And if you keep that up and do that in that way, keep going like that, then you can't 'mount to anything. But the very thing that we make excuses by our weaknesses, God uses that very thing to tackle the job with. See? He waits for us to get to that condition so that He can use us. We--we take the excuses and say, "Well, I--I--I--I'm can't do this, I'm insufficient. I--I can't do it." And God takes that very thing to do the job with. That's true.

... That's the reason why that He--He chooses us, because we're in that condition...

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-15

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES

... We believe everything the Bible says do. We are "forgetting our weaknesses, behind, and we're pressing towards the mark of the high Calling."