

August 2011 Theme: **"YOU ARE STRONG"**

MORNING WORSHIP

7 August 2011

Title: **"MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS"**

Text: **2 Corinthians 12**

(I) PROBLEM: A THORN IN THE FLESH

1. To prevent being exalted above measure (2 Corinthians 12:7)

2. A messenger of Satan allowed to buffet Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7)

- a) Spiritual powers involved
- b) Physical infirmities experienced

(II) PRAYING: LIMITED HUMAN PERSPECTIVE

1. Praying earnestly

2. Praying specifically for the thorn to be removed (2 Corinthians 12:8)

(III) PROFOUND PERSPECTIVE OF GOD REVEALED

1. God's grace is all-sufficient

2. God's strength is available

3. God's strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

(IV) PERSPECTIVE CHANGED

1. Glad acceptance of God's word and will (2 Corinthians 12:9b)

2. Boasting in infirmities (2 Corinthians 12:9c)

3. Reliance on the power of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:9d)

- a) In infirmities
- b) In reproaches
- c) In needs
- d) In persecutions
- e) In distresses

4. Special measure of strength (2 Corinthians 12:10)

- a) A paradox
- b) On the one hand weakness... on the other hand strength from the Lord