

Paul's Power

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Corinthians 2:14.

B. Our sufficiency is of God.

II. The insufficiency of Paul's ministry.

A. Many have no real concept of battle and so they have no real concept of victory.

B. We submit to Jesus, his chains, his momentum and accept that we are a living illustration day by day of the victory of Jesus.

C. We are supposed to be one of the best arguments for why Jesus is alive.

D. The most miserable people in life are those that resist Jesus' Lordship.

E. The victorious Christian life is not problem free. Submitting to Jesus will multiply our problems. No battle; no victory.

F. We demonstrate the power of resurrection in battle.

G. We are to be a "perfume" before God in heaven, the saints on earth and the lost in the world.

III. The insufficiency of Paul's efforts.

A. We ignore God's ministry and supersede them with our own.

B. We will never feel sufficient with our standard of Christianity.

IV. The inexhaustibility of Paul's God.

A. God only does things through desperate people.

B. We have to become desperate to understand God's inexhaustible power.

Application questions:

1. How can our failures in ministry demonstrate God's greatness?

2. Why should we expect more problems when we submit to Jesus? Explain.

3. What does it mean that we are a "perfume" before God and others?
