

# Magnify "Power vs. Weakness"

July 1-2, 2017

## Community:

1. What was your favorite class in school, and why?
2. We celebrate Independence Day this week. Do you have, and if so, what are your annual traditions for the Fourth?

## Core:

1. What are the weaknesses in your life that you tend to *microscope*? What happens to your perspective on weakness when you view it relative to God's power?
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.** What does the phrase, "*For when I am weak, then I am strong*" mean to you? What do you see as the "*thorns*" in your life, and how do they affect you?
3. Scott talked about the messages Satan sends to accuse us; like our identities ("*This is who you are*") and our future ("*This is who you will always be*"). If you were Satan, what specific messages would you send to accuse yourself?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** Does anything change about your perspective on your *thorns* or weaknesses when you read that God's grace is more than enough for you—and that His power is made perfect in weakness? Where have you seen God show up during weak moments in your life before? What was it like?
5. Scott said, "*Our weaknesses are where God shows up*". With that in mind, where (and how) do you need God to show up in the weaknesses you're facing right now? What do you think it looks like in your life to practically trust and allow God's power to be made perfect in your weaknesses?
6. Scott talked about how, even though Satan may be accusing us with different messages, God has messages He's sending us as well. Based on what you've read in 2 Corinthians

## Challenge:

As Scott challenged at the end of his talk this past weekend, take time this week and with a journal and pen, and your Bible...make two columns:

### **COLUMN #1- Microscope: *Lies and accusations based on your weaknesses.***

Make a list answering the following question: What have you come to believe about yourself and your future?

Then, read *Psalm 139*, *Ephesians 2:1-10*, and *1 Peter 1:3-9*.

**COLUMN #2- Telescope: *Truth about who God is, what He's already accomplished, and what He's capable of in your life.***

Make a list answering this question: What does God say about who you are and what you are going through?