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2 Corinthians: Strength in Weakness

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LIVING LETTERS
2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Big Idea: *We are letters from God, written by the Spirit for the world to read.*

1. The Spirit writes His letters _____ .

1 "Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you? 2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

2 Corinthians 7:3 "I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together."

1 Corinthians 9:1-2 "Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 "Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

2. The Spirit writes His letters _____ .

4 "Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God."

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 "And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

Exodus 4:10-13 "Then Moses said to the Lord, 'Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.' 11 The Lord said to him, 'Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.' 13 But he said, 'Please, Lord, now send the message by whomever You will.'"

3. The Spirit writes His letter _____ .

6 "Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Jeremiah 31:33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their heart, I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin."

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