

The Genius of Jesus Part 5: He Works Through Weakness

(2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NLT) Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Embrace My Shake

(Proverbs 30:24 NLT) There are four things on earth that are small but unusually wise:

(Proverbs 30:25 NLT) Ants—they aren't strong, but they store up food all summer.

1. Jesus works through my weakness by helping me focus.

(Luke 10:41-42 NIV) "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

2. Jesus works in my weakness as I stay where the life is.

(Proverbs 30:26 NLT) Hyraxes —they aren't powerful, but they make their homes among the rocks.

(John 6:68 NLT) Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.

3. Jesus works through my weakness by including me in His church.

(Proverbs 30:27 NLT) Locusts—they have no king, but they march in formation.

(Matthew 16:16-18 NLT) 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

4. Jesus works through my weakness as I stay close to Him.

(Proverbs 30:28 NLT) Lizards—they are easy to catch, but they are found even in kings' palaces.

(Acts 4:13 NIV) When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.