

Wisdom is found in the old, and discretion comes with great age.

Job 12:12



SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

Psalms 122: 1-4

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Mark 6: 1-6

Ezekiel, in the first reading, was sent by God to prophesize to the exiles in Babylon. Then, 10,000 Jews had been forced into exile when the Babylonians took Jerusalem. It was a punishment from God for their sins. However, there they continued their sinful ways, and as God described them and their ancestors, they were 'defiant and obstinate' and rebellious against Him. Yet God sent Ezekiel, a prophet, into their midst. God wanted them to know that there is hope for the restoration of their nation and that they will one day be returned to their homeland. Similarly, God will not abandon us in any circumstances, whether we 'listen or not'.

It is when I am weak that I am strong seems a paradoxical statement. What Paul wants to tell us is that it is in our weak state that we become strong in Jesus, when we trust in Him and His grace. We rely not on our own power, but on God's grace so that the power of Christ may dwell in us.

It is so like us that we do not appreciate the people we have in our community. We tend to gather around visiting priests and speakers praising them for their works, yet we fail to see the good things that the people in our family or community do. In the Gospel, the people in Jesus' hometown could not accept the 'ordinary' kampong boy even though he was already known all over Galilee for his miracles. They could not believe what they were hearing from Him. Like how did He get His wisdom? We need a hard look at ourselves.

Jesus was amazed by their lack of faith, and so He could not work any miracle there. It is amusing that He did heal a few sick people, though. He simply could not help himself. We question our faith in the Lord. Do we have enough faith in Him? **Do we allow ourselves to receive His grace and be strong in our weakness?** Whatever the size of our faith (Matt 17:20), know that Jesus will not abandon us.✚

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

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**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).**

MONTHLY FOCUS

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK

Weak but Strong

This month we will celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We keep in mind the need for the pastoral care for the elderly and the sick.

