



Power *in* weakness

2 CORINTHIANS

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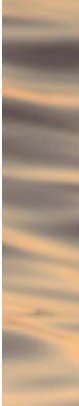
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21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, 22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. 23 But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. 24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

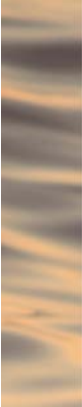
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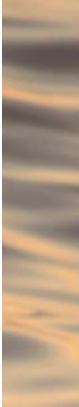
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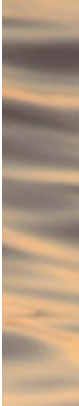
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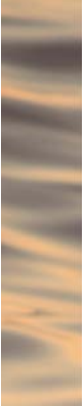
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Thomas Aquinas**

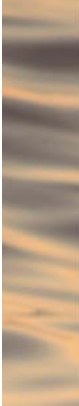


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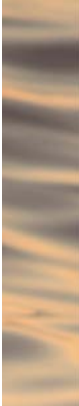
2. Gospel Promises Anchor You in God's Faithfulness



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-2 Corinthians 1:15-20

"All the promises of God find their Yes in him" (2 Cor. 1:20). What a strange statement! What does it mean for God's promises to "find their Yes" in Christ? Reading this statement in light of the entire New Testament teaching, we know that Paul is saying that the entire Old Testament, the whole history of God's dealings with his people and all that he has promised them, is

fulfilled in and through Jesus. He clinches, integrates, and brings to completion God's promises to be with his people, restore them, raise them from the dead, give them new life, and ultimately establish a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1). With Jesus, we see God as unshakably reliable and unswervingly trustworthy. Everything will be put right one day.

Every longing of ours will be abundantly satisfied. For Christ has come. He is the living proof that God's words of promise and comfort are not empty statements.

-Dane Ortlund

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