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"How has God Equipped You to Serve?"
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Sermon Discussion

1. *Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-10 and 3:2-6 and review the **main points** from the sermon.*
 - a. *Your trials and suffering can add mercy to the way you See and Serve others around you*
 - b. *Your lack of credentials can make room for the Spirit to work through you instead of having to compete with you*
2. *Reflect and Ruminare:*
 - a. *Of the main points given, which one resonated with you the most? Are you struggling through a trial or are you living the self-sufficient Christian life? Explain.*
 - b. *Which describes you, "Working for God or God working through you?" Explain.*
3. *Replace:*
 - a. *What area of your life are you living in the power of your flesh rather than of the Spirit" 1) Marriage, 2) Parenting, 3) Work, 4) Other?*

4. *Renew:*

- a. *Does anyone have a testimony of how God brought him or her through a season of suffering by turning to God?*

"Severe suffering and trial scan bring you to the end of yourself and push you to the point of despair, so that you've got nowhere else to turn but to God!"
- b. *How is God "getting you to limp" to prevent you from becoming prideful and conceited (2 Cor 12:7-10)*

5. *Request:*

- a. *How can the group encourage and pray for you this week?*
- b. *What practical step of faith and obedience can you take to live in the power of the Spirit rather than the flesh this week?*

6. *Remember:*

- a. *The gospel is not only for our salvation and our glorification, it's for our everyday life and sanctification. What objective truth of the gospel needs to be applied in your life to help you persevere and not become weary?*

Prayer Emphasis:

- a. *Pray for our missionaries serving across the world in Albania, Czech Republic, Romania, Southeast Asia, PG6 and Japan. Barnabas Team members share one specific way to pray for your missionary.*
- b. *Pray for the lost people in your life and for God to open up an opportunity for you to share the gospel.*