

This group is meant to facilitate discussion and meaningful conversations. The information below is derived from this week's outline.

### Weekly Discussion Theme: Vulnerability

- **Leader shares:** Brené Brown Quote: "Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not nearly as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy—the experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light."

Vulnerability opens us up to judgment and discomfort, as it reveals the parts of ourselves we often criticize. It allows others to see us deeply, inviting them into our lives and exposing our true selves. Though this can feel like stepping into a lion's den, facing these fears builds courage and confidence. Embracing vulnerability transforms our perceived weaknesses into strengths, empowering us to pursue our true purpose with authenticity and resilience. By confronting our fears, we develop the strength needed to live more fully and meaningfully.

- **Group shares:** What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "vulnerability"?
- **Acknowledge:** THANK YOU for sharing!

**Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV) - "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

**How the Leader Connects This Verse to Vulnerability:** This verse sets a profound example of vulnerability by openly sharing his personal struggles and the divine response he received. Despite his pain and affliction, Paul chooses to embrace and boast about his weaknesses rather than hide them. By accepting God's grace as sufficient, Paul demonstrates how vulnerability can be a gateway for Christ's power to work through us. His example shows that when we are honest about our weaknesses, we create space for God's grace to transform and sustain us, allowing us to find strength in our dependence on Him.

**Group shares:** How do you think this verse helps us understand the role of vulnerability in experiencing God's grace and power in our lives?

**Acknowledge:** THANK YOU for sharing!

**Here are 10 ways to embrace vulnerability, including ways to find the courage to be brave:**

- Journal about your fears and dreams to understand them.
- Pray for the strength to face your vulnerabilities.
- Meditate to gain clarity on your emotions.

- Accept your emotions as they are.
- Open up to friends about what scares you.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Share your goals even if you're afraid of judgment.
- Take small steps to face your fears.
- Try new things that make you uncomfortable.
- Seek feedback and use it to grow.
- Be kind to yourself when you make mistakes.
- Share your personal stories with others.
- Embrace your imperfections as part of you.

**Group shares:** Do you find these effective in your own lives, or do you have other strategies you'd like to share?

**Acknowledge:** THANK YOU for sharing!

Guided Meditation: Now, let's listen to a brief meditation to help us seek God's support to be vulnerable and step out of our comfort zones. Let's begin: [Vulnerability Guided Meditation](#).

**Leader shares:** Embracing vulnerability and recognizing its power can help us find self-love and acceptance. When we stop worrying about what others think and focus on how God sees us, we discover the strength to accept our imperfections, face our fears, and follow our dreams. By trusting in God's strength and power, we can embrace who we are and find peace in our journey toward self-acceptance and fulfillment.

- **Leader shares:** An email will be sent shortly containing today's outline, along with a request to share resources discussed today. Additionally, you'll find essential links for joining the group, as well as links to join our Facebook group or follow us on social media to stay connected.
- **Closing:** As we close our group meeting, I encourage everyone to share anything else in your hearts and minds or to ask for prayer requests.
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