

Today's Theme

# "I'm Flawed & So Are U"

Series Title:

"Staying Encouraged"

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## We're *Flawed* AND God *Has Our Back*

### 1. Stop *denial* in life - *Admit we have weaknesses.*

#### (1) *Limitations force us to lean on something.*

2 Corinthians 12:6 Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, 7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

We all have *something*:  
- *Quirks*  
- *Bad habits*  
- *Hang-ups*  
- *Painful experiences*

#### (2) *When its all about Jesus that empowers us.*

2 Cor 12:9 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. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### 2. Embrace God's *forgiveness & acceptance.*

#### (1) *We need to experience forgiveness.*

Acts 10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

#### (2) *Once acceptance is locked in - I'm done.*

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

### 3. God chooses messy *people with problems.*

#### (1) *We can pull back from judgments on others.*

#### (2) *We fit in well with men & women of the past.*

Joseph had a (Really) *dysfunctional* family.  
Gideon was a *fear-driven wimp*.  
Ruth was *childless*, a *widow* & a *foreigner*.  
Moses had a *stuttering* problem & was a *murderer*.  
Abraham had a *problem* with *lying*.  
Noah got *drunk* and passed out *naked*.  
Rahab was a *prostitute* in the past.  
Peter constantly *blew* it & *denied* knowing Jesus.