



Q&A

SUNDAY

**How can we give,  
when we are so broken?**

## 2 Corinthians 12:8-11

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> 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.

## **2 Corinthians 12:8-11**

<sup>10</sup> 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.

Henri Nouwen, "In The Name of Jesus" -

"We are not the healers, we are not the reconcilers, we are not the givers of life. We are sinful, broken, vulnerable people who need as much care as anyone we care for.

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The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the Gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God.”

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## James 1:27

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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**Fashionable clothing, cars, house, etc?**

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to welcome (desire) fellow  
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the logs out of our eyes?**

## Matthew 7:2-4

<sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

## **Matthew 7:2-4**

<sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

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**When did the lighting of the  
Christmas candle begin?**

**Why doesn't this church do  
public confessions and  
congregational prayers?**

**Is Jesus returning for his  
church before or after  
the tribulation?**

**Can one be Christian and  
reject practicing Christian  
teachings?**

## **John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—  
<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

## **John 14:15-21**

**18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**19** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

**20** On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

## **John 14:15-21**

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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## Romans 7:14-25

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

## Romans 7:14-25

<sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

## Romans 7:14-25

<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.<sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

## Romans 7:14-25

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

## **Romans 7:14-25**

**24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

**25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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