



## A small Key Opens BIG Doors

*“Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”*

*The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NLT)*

Rushing home, anxious to get inside, I reached the door and turned the knob... locked. I tried to force my way in to no avail. I checked my pocket... no key! Though I was close, all of my strength could not budge that big steel door. I needed the key. So small, but so powerful!

**Reflect: I hold a key that opens the door to great power, do I know what it is?**

The origin of your Mission comes from Jesus' answer to this trick question,

*“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”*

*Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:36-39)*

As your love for the Lord grows, it overflows to motivate you to serve your neighbor – those who've been afflicted similarly. You set out to help them... you have solutions to offer. You're a bit further down the road after all! Yet, getting wounded people to respond is like trying to pass through that steel door. It's not happening without the key. Are you willing to use yours?

*Consider: **Vulnerability is the small key that opens BIG doors.***

Using your key (being vulnerable) requires great personal risk. Jesus demonstrates by exposing his weakness in the garden of Gethsemane. He's preparing for death on the cross. Deeply troubled, he asks the Father to relieve him of the impending suffering. Why do the scriptures reveal him this way, choosing not to portray him as an unflinching king? Consider the benefits of his vulnerability.

Jesus faces an incomparable sacrifice. Acting completely human... Jesus struggled! Doesn't knowing this allow you to relate to him a bit better, appreciate his love a bit more? And, though he struggled, he made the hard choice – his Mission ruled. Remember this when you are challenged to sacrifice to advance your Mission. Jesus has been there!

What principle did Jesus demonstrate? Paul learned and preached the same: God's power works best in weakness.

***Imagine: My Mission advancing because I vulnerably share my Why Story.***

Your Why Story is the key to advancing your Mission. It is steeped in weakness and thus, inherently draws in God's power. Gladly tell it. Then watch God open once impenetrable doors... clearly a mystery of God!

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**Why Story:** The epic story that leads to and powers your Mission. It's the reason you pursue it and it's packed with passion originating from your response to a deeply impactful life event(s). Vulnerably expressed, it will open the hearts of those you serve. Sharing it will generate trust, emotional connection and inspiration. To advance your Mission, you'll need to become comfortable telling it, working it into conversations without awkwardness.... tell it often!

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Your vulnerability allows the power of God to come alive in, around and through you. Leading with your Why Story forces your protective ego, the one bent on telling others how to fix themselves, to stay outside.

*"Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives by the power of God. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you we will be alive with him and will have God's power." The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 13:4)*

You are weak... boast in this! Because...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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## Coach's Questions

- What life event(s) has deeply impacted the trajectory of my life? Describe. How has God since helped heal me?
- How does God want me to use my experience to serve others similarly afflicted?
- Assemble your answers into a short, vulnerable and compelling story. Share it with someone this week.

## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

### Be Vulnerable.

*"For when I am weak, then I am strong."*  
The Apostle Paul | 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT)



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