

2 Corinthians



Power in Weakness

FINAL WORDS

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2 Corinthians 13

**1This will be my third visit to you.
“Every matter must be established by
the testimony of two or three
witnesses.” 2I already gave you a
warning when I was with you the
second time. I now repeat it while
absent: On my return I will not spare
those who sinned earlier or any of
the others, 2 Cor. 13: 1-2**

3since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. 4For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you. 2 Cor. 13: 3-4

1. TEST YOURSELF

5Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 6And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. 2 Cor. 13: 5-6

7Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. 2 Cor. 13:7

“Test yourselves” – Peirazo – Gk –
examine, try, scrutinize, discipline, prove

***Be on your guard; stand firm in the
faith; be courageous; be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13 –***

**Gregoreo(gk) - be vigilant, wake,
be watchful.**

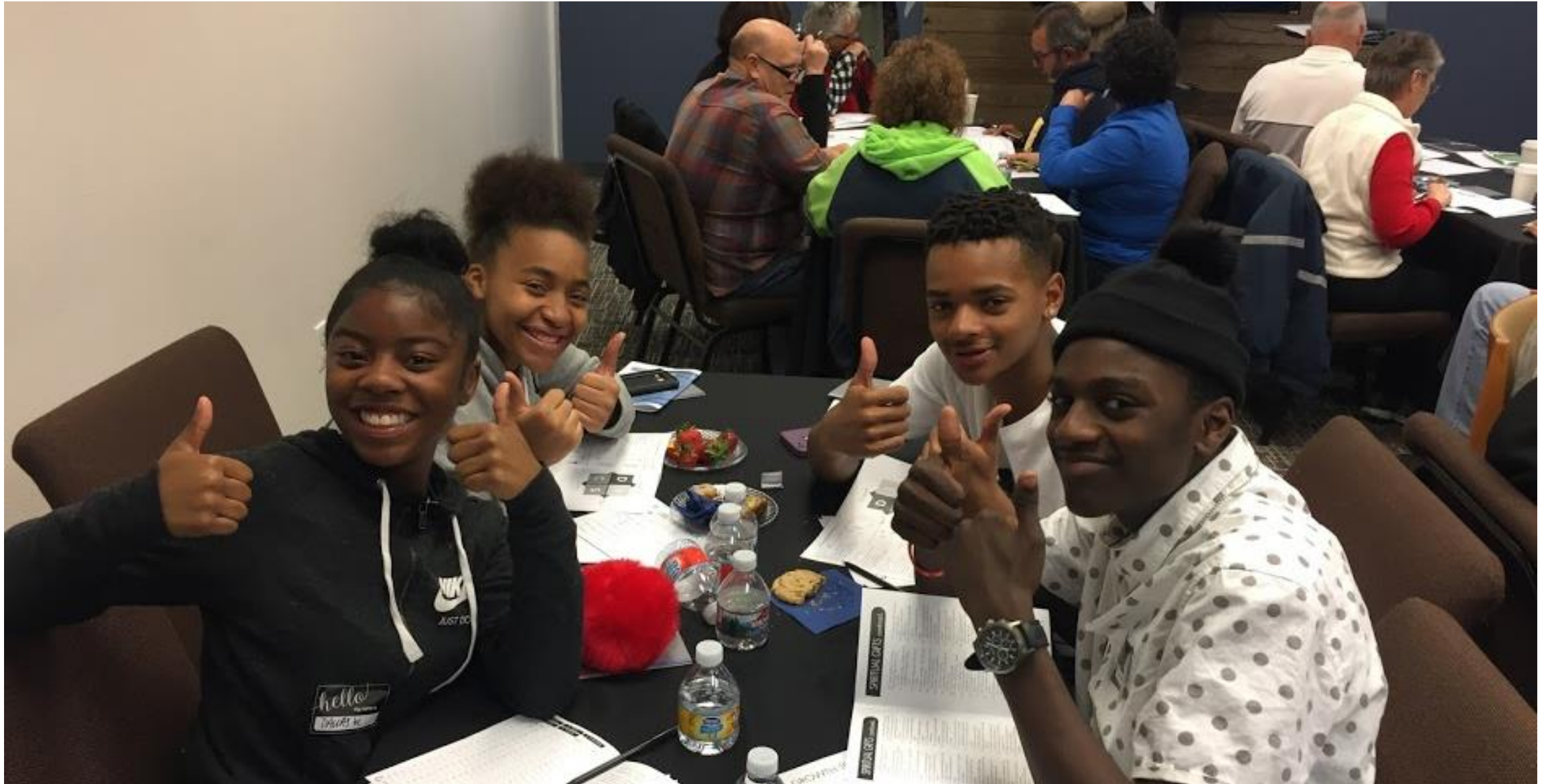
8For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth. 9We are glad to seem weak if it helps show that you are actually strong. We pray that you will become mature.

2 Cor. 13: 8-9

2. Become mature – vs. 9, 11

Katartisis – (Gk) Mature – perfection,
improvement, made complete,

10 I am writing this to you before I come, hoping that I won't need to deal severely with you when I do come. For I want to use the authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down. 2 Cor. 13: 10











3. Get along with others – vs. 11

11 Dear brothers and sisters,^c I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Cor. 13:11

Practical application questions:

Have you taken intentional steps to grow? If so what are they? If not what are your next steps

Have you been to Growth Track?

Have you joined a small group?

Are you serving on the Dream Team?