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### Workshop: "Preaching to Encourage Weakness"

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<sup>30</sup>If it is necessary to continue boasting, I will boast of those things which show my weaknesses... <sup>7</sup>Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to knock me about, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord concerning this, that it might depart from me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for [your] power is brought to its end in weakness." <sup>10</sup>All the more gladly, then, will I boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ [not mine!] may tabernacle upon me. Therefore, I take delight in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and calamities for the sake of Christ, for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Think of the movement of the idea of the tabernacle throughout Scriptures**

Ex 24:16 *shekinah*

Ex 25:8 Ex. 25:9 -- *mishekan*

Ex 29:45 v. 46: 40:35

Ex 24:16 40:35

I Ki 6:13 Ezek 37:27

Greek noun *sk,n*, 20X NT, 435X in LXX

*sk,no* -- Jn 1:14 Rev. 7:15 Rev. 21:3

5 other vbs from root, *sk,no* in NT (Mt. 13:32, Mk. 4:32, Lk. 13:19) and in Acts 2:26 to translate Peter's quotation from Ps. 34, *katask,no* (see Zech 2:10-11).

*episk,no* in II Cor 12:9; occurs nowhere else in NT, LXX, Philo, or Josephus.

Paul says the same in II Cor. 4  
and in I Cor. 1