

# Home Helps

## 2 Corinthians 13:3-4

### *Honoring God and God's Ambassadors*

<sup>3</sup> “since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. <sup>4</sup> For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God *directed* toward you.”

**I. Evidence of Ambassadorship Sought (v.3a)** – <sup>3</sup> since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me

**II. The Practice of Church Discipline (v.3b-4)** – and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. <sup>4</sup> For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God *directed* toward you.

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#### **1. Launching Question(s):**

- Does the Bible teach that Christians are to submit to and honor authority? Why or why not?

#### **2. Observation Question(s):**

- How is the principle that “power is perfected in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9) seen in the death and resurrection of Christ (see Phil. 2:5-11)?

#### **3. Interpretation Question(s):**

- What lesson(s) was God teaching Israel in His severe judgment of Korah and his followers (Num. 16) and Miriam (Num. 12)?
- Do these lessons apply to the church as well?
- How is the Apostle Paul dealing with similar rebellion?
- Is there a time when it is appropriate to confront God's appointed authority (see Galatians 2:11-21)?
- What is the difference between what Korah, Miriam, and the Corinthians did and what Paul does when he confronts Peter?

#### **4. Reflection Question(s):**

- How can we keep from dishonoring God and God's ambassadors in the church today?

#### **5. Application Question(s):**

- How might you pray for your church leaders?