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“[Jesus] divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness,” 2 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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At this point in the semester, there’s a good chance you’re feeling overwhelmed. Not just by the academic pressure of deadlines and exams, but for some, it’s not just the end of a challenging year, but the conclusion of a college experience prompting decisions about a new job or a new living situation. For others, you may be preparing to transition to a summer job or an internship. In the midst of whatever pressure you feel, whatever transition or change that may be on the horizon for you personally, you may be asking yourself, “Am I ready enough?” “Am I good enough for what’s about to come?” Whether it’s your capacity, your intellect, your worth – your enoughness may be something that’s currently being called into question.

Moses certainly wrestled with this. Sure, he may be known to us as a Bible hero or character of faith now, but when God called him to the enormous job of liberating the enslaved Israelites from captivity, insecurity and inadequacy overcame him. However, Exodus 3 reveals how God promises He will be with Moses every step of the way. And we know, from the rest of the account, how God was faithful to fulfill that promise.

“It was never about Moses’ power but God’s. We will struggle with weakness, but God’s strength is inexhaustible. We will never be enough on our own, but God—the great “I Am”—is always enough. When we let go of our feelings of inadequacy and take hold of the power God works in and through us, everything changes. God is enough on our behalf.”^[1]

As God was with Moses, He also promises to be with you and to empower you even when you feel like you aren’t enough. Paul testifies, “[Jesus] said to me, ‘My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness.’ So I’ll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ’s power can rest on me.”^[2]

This week, as you make The Main Thing, the main thing in your life, may you reframe your weaknesses, claim the truth about who God has made you to be, and embrace the knowledge that while you are not enough, God is.

Reflection

- How does being realistic about your weaknesses lead you to surrender?
- Read Exodus 3:14 – what comfort, encouragement, or hope does this offer you?

- Name whatever worries or inadequacies you're struggling with and claim God's promises in their place. Write this down in a journal.

News and Resources

- Join us next week for Vespers at 6:30pm & 8:30pm in the University Church.
- Find a meaningful sense of belonging by joining a student or faculty/staff LifeGroup today: [click here](#).
- If you are feeling anxious or have recently experienced loss or grief, call 423.236.2782 to talk to a counselor on campus! (This is a free service for Southern students.)
- **Talk** with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to pray with or have a desire to grow spiritually.

[1]

Powell, Kara, Acevedo, Kristel, and Brad M. Griffin. 2022. *3 Big Questions that Shape Your Future*. Grand Rapids: BakerBooks, 88.

[2]

2 Corinthians 12:9.