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*Ex* means "out of"

*Odu*s means "road"

*Road out of...*





The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup>“When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

<sup>17</sup> The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

## Chapter 2:3

...<sup>3</sup>Then when she (Moses mom) could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. <sup>6</sup>She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.

7 "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. 7 Then (Moses') sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" 8 "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother.

<sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

<sup>11</sup>One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup>Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

<sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

<sup>16</sup>Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup>Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

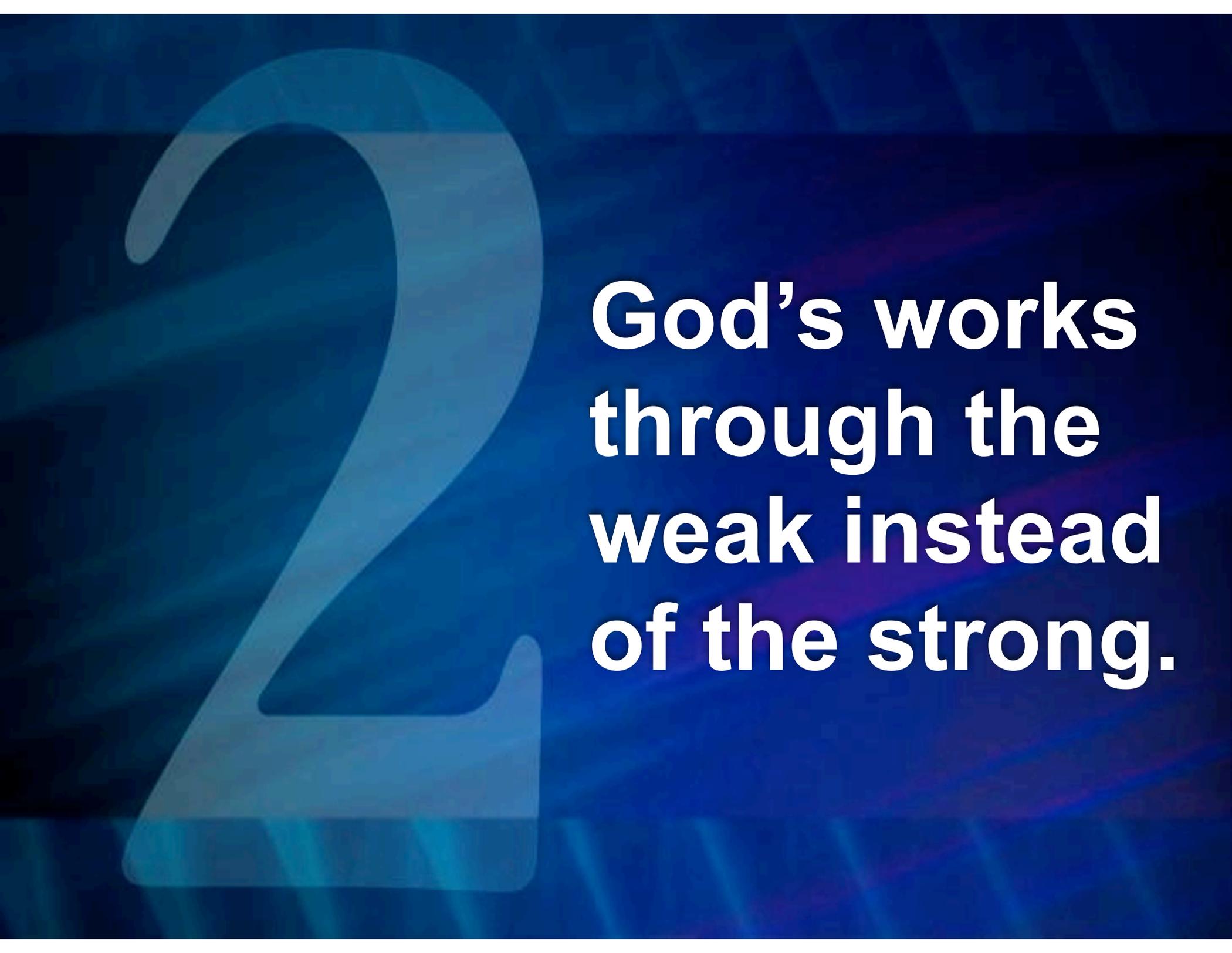




**We often think:**

**When life gets  
hard, God must  
be absent.**





**God's works  
through the  
weak instead  
of the strong.**



And because the midwives revered  
God, he gave them children of their  
own. Exodus 1:21







## Skye Jethani

I heard things like, *"I'm so grateful Jesus faced that suffering so I don't have to."* This person saw the cross, its suffering, and its shame as Jesus' calling, but not his own—a common idea in contemporary pop Christianity that leaves no room for a theology of suffering.



## Skye Jethani

Rather than seeing Jesus' cross as his escape from suffering, the Apostle Paul understood the Christian life as a call to share in the suffering of Jesus suffering.

*I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,...*

Philippians 3:10



## Skye Jethani

That's a far less popular message in American Christianity. But it's a common theme in the New Testament and an essential aspect of the cross we conveniently like to ignore.



Luke 9:31,

“And *they* discussed with Jesus his departure, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.”





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