



# OUR BOYS



# Gangs out of control

Mayor vows to get tough



Fire officers raced on guard as a flylighter tackled a house fire inside a Newport Mall just in time for a Saturday night. (KANE 10/16/00 TMS)



# RED DEVIL

Cruel "Batman" man-slayer suspect James Holmes looked scared and completely out of it beneath his bizarre, Joker-inspired mix of red and orange-hued curls at his first Colorado court appearance yesterday.

Sister relatives of the victims he allegedly shot in last week's movie theater Massacre, the kid to even to save his down.

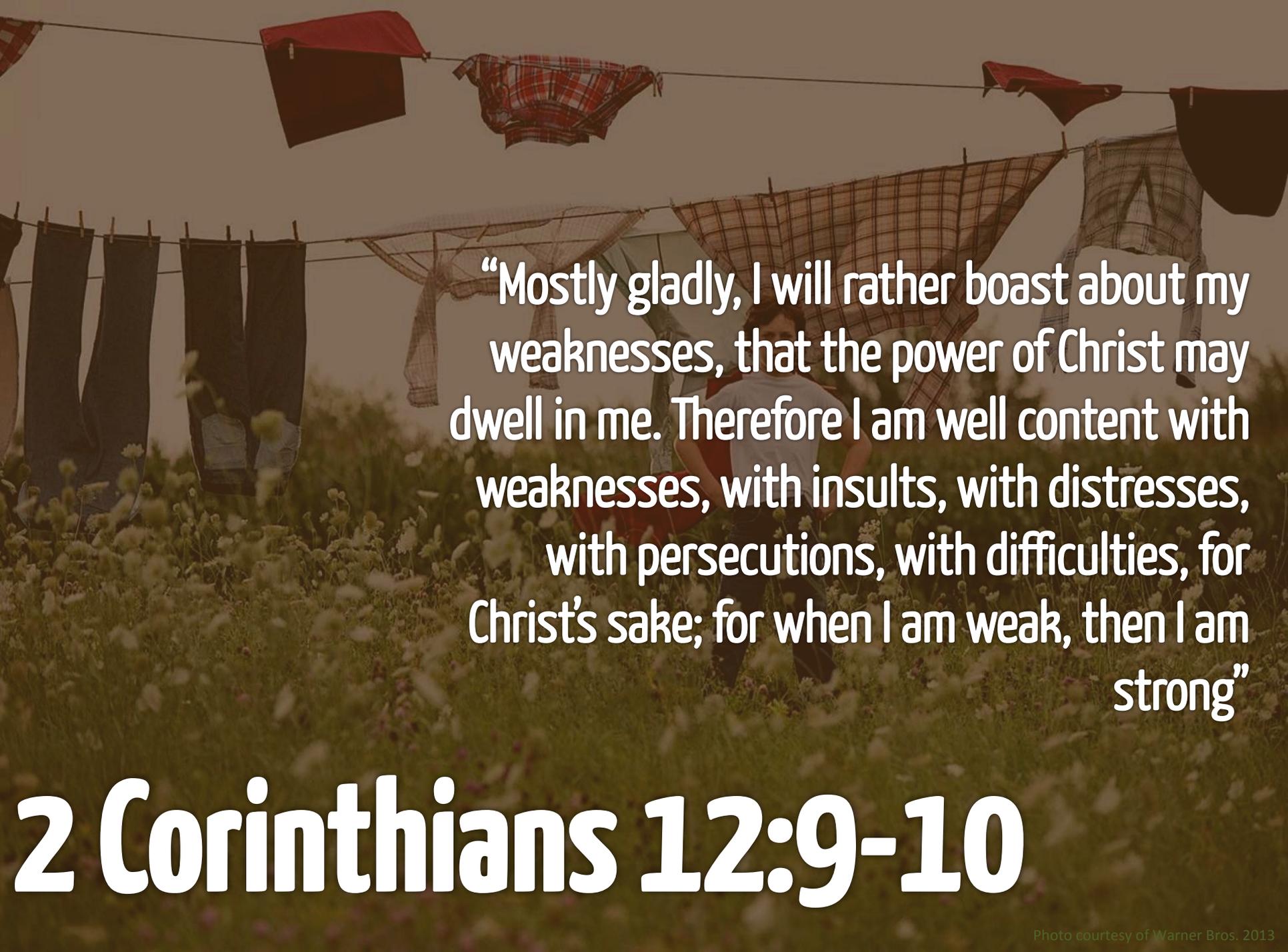
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YANKEES GET ICHIRO IN TRADE WITH SEATTLE SEE SPORTS



The problem is not new, and  
neither is the solution

A person is standing in a field of white flowers, looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a clothesline with various items of laundry hanging on it, including a red and black cloth, a plaid shirt, and several pairs of dark pants. The scene is set outdoors, likely in a rural or farm area, with a soft, natural light. The overall tone is peaceful and domestic.

“Mostly gladly, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong”

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

# What should I feel good about?

- Our boys need specific and meaningful praise from us, but not just about sports or school (Philippians 3:3, 2 Corinthians 10:17).
- Real confidence only comes from God, as a result of the security we feel in Him (Psalm 138:3, Proverbs 28:1, Acts 4:29).
- Show our boys that their value does not come from earthly accomplishments or achievements.

# Three Dangerous Ingredients

- Isolation
- Insecurity
- Insignificance
- It is Satan's ultimate goal to make us feel isolated from other saints (Isaiah 59:1-2). It nearly worked with men like Elijah, Jeremiah, and Job. Psalm 8 shows how significant we are, and John 3:16 illustrates undeniable value in God's eyes.



**Presents are no substitute for  
*presence***

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and dark pants, stands in a field of wildflowers. He has his hands on his hips and a serious expression. Behind him, a clothesline is strung across the field, with various items of laundry hanging from it, including a red shirt, a plaid shirt, and several pairs of dark pants. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and white wildflowers under a pale sky.

# PREDATION

Proverbs 1:8-19

# Tell him his story

- Young men have an innate desire to be part of something bigger than themselves. Emphasize their legacy. “Get out family photos from time to time. Talk about the people and events shown in them” (Hartley-Brewer, p. 47).
- “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason, kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you...” (2 Timothy 1:5-6).

