

A man in a black suit is sitting on a long, low concrete wall. He is leaning forward with his head buried in his hands, suggesting a state of despair or failure. The background is a plain, light-colored concrete wall and floor.

FAILURE

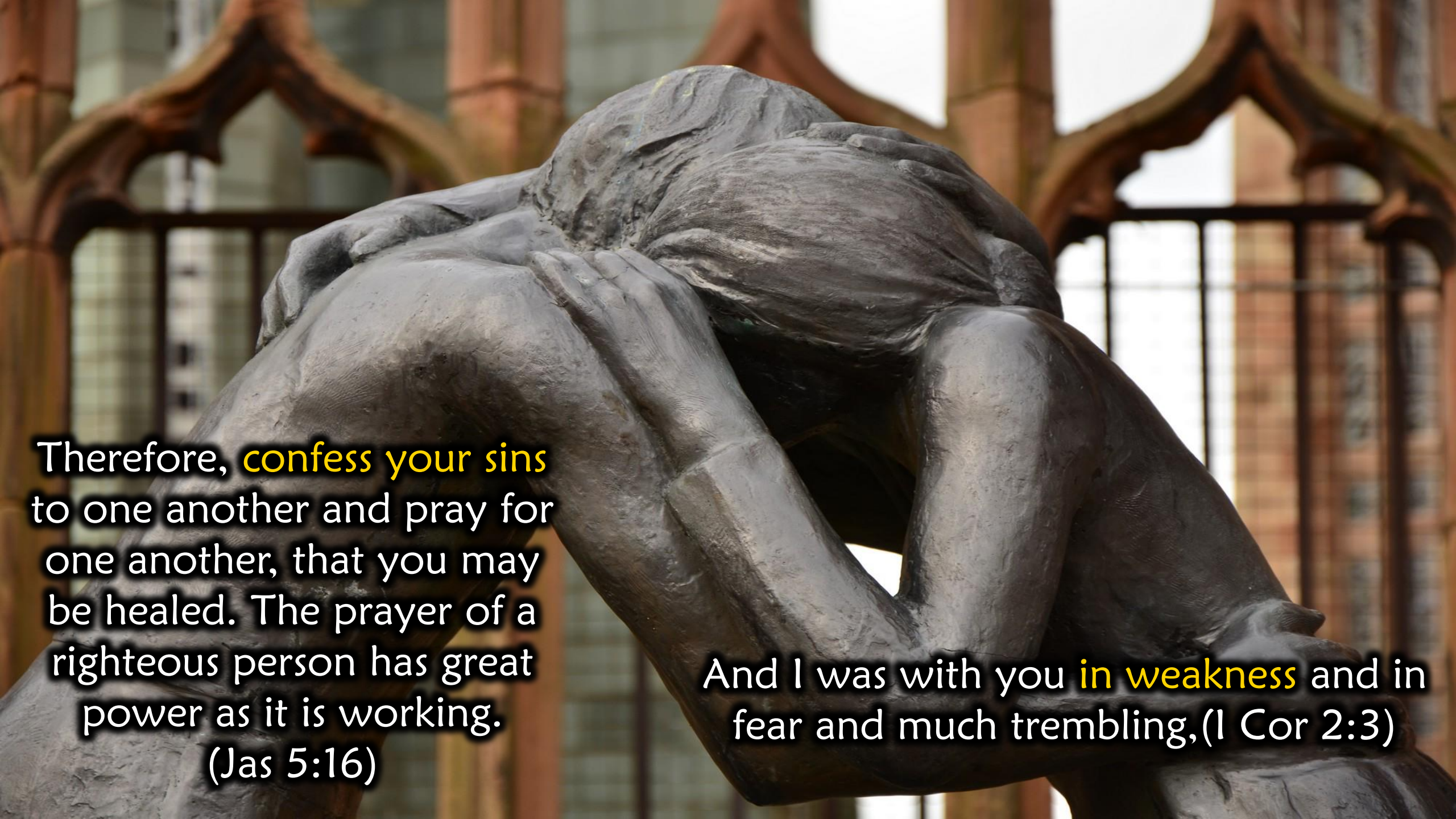
a Christian view of weakness

for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God... (Rom 3:23)

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals **I am not worthy** to untie.” (Lk 3:15-16)

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say,
“We are **unworthy** servants; we have only done what was our duty.”
(Luke 17:10)





Therefore, **confess your sins**
to one another and pray for
one another, that you may
be healed. The prayer of a
righteous person has great
power as it is working.
(Jas 5:16)

And I was with you **in weakness** and in
fear and much trembling, (1 Cor 2:3)

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He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. (Hebrews 5:2)

COMPASSION

quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. (Hebrews 11:34)

FIT FOR USE

But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (II Corinthians 12:9)

EVANGELISTIC

I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. (Genesis 32:10)

GRATEFUL