

Conversions
“From Thorns to Thankfulness”
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

4/10/22

Outline

Review of the Series

Excerpts from Galatians 1 & 2

*“Therefore, in order to keep me **from becoming conceited**, (look up meaning... present tense or future... beginning to be or continuing down that path) I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Pride

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” James 4:6

“This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches...” Jeremiah 9:23

“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

“The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled)” Isaiah 2:12 And Paul was humbled.

I. What is a Thorn?

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II. What's the Purpose of a Thorn?

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- The Purpose of a Thorn is to Make Us Strong.

- The Purpose of a Thorn is to Unleash the grace of God on Our Lives.

- The Purpose of a Thorn is to Make Us Powerful.

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