

The Strength of Weakness

II Corinthians 12:7-10

A window into Paul's soul ...

“a thorn in the flesh”

- not authored by God but allowed
- a messenger of Satan
- buffet “to rap continuously”

Age old question: What was it ?

Produced:

- hardship
- pressure
- discomfort

Paul identifies its purpose:

- “lest I become arrogant”
- dependent vs. independent

3 x's

- Unanswered answered prayer
- “a need is met not a want”

God will make you:

- Wise more than wealthy
- Patient more than prosperous
- Holy more than happy
- Strong not spoiled

Grace changes:

- your perspective
- you
- then your situation

“... when I am weak then am I strong” - Cor. 12:10

Need cultivates reliance:

- Weakness moves you in the direction of strength
- “Be strong in God” - Eph. 6:10