

The Thorn

Ready:

"To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me."

-2 Corinthians 12:7

Set

Paul reminds me of a great basketball player of the mid-80's who played for the Atlanta Hawks: Spud Webb. For you young athletes out there, Spud Webb is a 5' 7" man who had dreams of playing in a "Big Man's League." Did he make it? Did he ever! He was quoted as saying, "No one expected or imagined that a person of my size could win a slam dunk contest or make it into the NBA."

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he, too, is a small man playing in a big man's league trying to make a difference. He knows that he cannot do it without help from his Creator. God allowed him a "thorn" as a reminder to Paul that without Christ, he is nothing. Does Paul whine or quit because the thorn makes life too hard? No! Neither did Webb: "I never let my size (THORN) keep me from excelling in a sport in which the odds of making it to the professional level are nearly impossible."

Go

1. What "thorn" has God put in your flesh to remind you of His supremacy?
2. How can this thorn be a testament to God's glory?

Workout

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Bible Reference:

2 Corinthians 12



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