

## **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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