

Stretched [6] When You Feel Overstretched

Series Theme:

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. **2 Corinthians 3:18**

Today:

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows- ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. **2 Corinthians 12:2-8**

Notes

Paul's story:

- He was given a “thorn”

- He recognized it as a “messenger of Satan”

- He was harassed and weakened by the thorn

- He pleaded with the Lord to intervene and remove it

- He received an answer but the thorn was not removed

- He was promised sufficient grace to endure.

- He rejoiced that his weakness could show God's strength

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 12:9-10**

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Memory Link: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10