

The Gift of Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

- I. The Corinthian church, which Paul helped to plant, has since been DECEIVED.
 - A. These false “super-apostles” have the credentials, but they don't have THE GOSPEL.
 - B. When we look at Paul's credentials, we see that he has clearly DEDICATED his life to serving Christ.
 - C. Paul talks in chapter 11 about his birthright credentials and about his works. And then in chapter 12 he shares a SPIRITUAL boast.
- II. There are times when God reveals truth to an individual, but instructs them that they are not to SHARE IT.
- III. This may seem confusing, but God always has a REASON for what He does. And it's for His GLORY.
 - A. In addition to the spiritual vision Paul is given, he is also given a spiritual thorn. And it may not seem like it, but that thorn is a GIFT: it keeps Paul focused on God.
 - B. As we see from Paul pleading with God to remove the thorn, sometimes God's answer is NO.
 - C. Paul is content in his weakness because he realizes that God's SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH working through him is far better than anything he could do on his own.

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drawing people who need Jesus to know and grow in Him.

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