

## Finding a Purpose in Your Pain

### 2 Corinthians 12

We have seen Paul's "resume of suffering." It includes multiple imprisonments, beatings, life-threatening experiences, a stoning and shipwrecks! He didn't always have enough food, clothing, sleep, or friends. He'd been chased by bandits and infuriated religious leaders. And he battled anxiety over his young churches. Now we learn he had a "thorn in the flesh." How bad was this particular pain? It was straight-from-hell bad... a "messenger from Satan" sent to *torment* him.

We're not very fond of pain... or even slight discomfort. But the lessons of life are almost always taught in the classroom of suffering. I think there are at least 3 things about pain we can learn from Paul...

1. Pain \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Pain has a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Pain has a \_\_\_\_\_.

What I Will Do With This Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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