

Thankful

For The

Thorns

2 Corinthians 12:7-10





What Was Paul's Thorn?

- A paralytic disorder
- An unruly desire
- A headache
- Regret
- Persecution - 2 Corinthians 11:23-30
- A Physical infirmity - Galatians 4:13
- Eye disorder – Galatians 4:15; 6:11



The Battle Was Internal

Job 14:1

Man who is born of woman
is of few days and full of
trouble.



The Battle Was Internal

Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹²I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



The Battle Was Internal

Ephesians 6:10-18



The Battle Was Internal

- God's Purpose
- God's Care
- God's Love



The Battle Was Internal

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your care upon
Him, for He cares for you.



The Thorn Was Valuable

2 Corinthians 4:8-17



The Thorn Was Valuable

2 Corinthians 13:4

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.



The Thorn Was Valuable

Hebrews 2:17-18

¹⁷Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.



The Thorn Was Valuable

Hebrews 12:1-3



The Thorn Was Valuable

- Do Not Judge God
- Look To The Cross
- Keep Your Perspective
- Be Of Help To Others
- Ask God For Help
- Accept The Challenge

A Final Thought



How Do
You Deal
With Your
Thorns?

