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Pain ~2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- Johnny Cash- Feb. 26, 1932 –Sept. 12, 2003
- Born into poverty during the Great Depression
- Brother killed in 1944 by a table saw.
- Cash started drinking heavily and became addicted to amphetamines and barbiturates.
- Attempted suicide 1968.
- Developed diabetes and related brain/ nerves disorder.
- Pneumonia damaged his lungs.



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- member of 3 music Hall of Fames
- 9 Country Music Awards
- 17 Grammy Awards
- Millionaire
- wife June, died May 15, 2003
- dead from diabetes complications at 71



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- Man has struggled with the purpose and meaning of pain for centuries.
- Christian authors and thinkers argue that pain is God's tool in our lives.
- Pain tends to stick out in our memories



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- We want to live a meaningful life, but pain causes tension with that desire.
- Our brokenness causes us to deal with our pain in the wrong way.
- We don't know what to do with pain in the hurting world.



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- God has prepared everything for us to live a meaningful life and that includes our pain
- Will we see and hear what God says about our pain?



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[7] Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me- to keep me from exalting myself! [8] Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. [9] And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. [10] Therefore I am well content with weakness, with insult, with distress, with persecution, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



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- “to keep me from being conceited”
- A real danger for us; “a big head”



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“I was given a thorn”

- God doesn't do this!
 - But Paul says he does...and that it's a GIFT!
1. Rejecting pain and demanding answers delays, even stops, the healing process.
 2. It reveals my self-idolatry.
 3. It reveals my sinfulness.
 4. It draws me to God.
 5. It protects me from sin.



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“Thorn”

- Thorns are small and often unseen
- Thorns are constant sources of pain
- Thorns can become ever-present and debilitating



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“Tempted/ torment” = to strike with short, rapid blows

-Intended to humiliate you keep your attention



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Paul has told us that his pain was

1. A gift from God to protect him from self worship
2. Used by Satan to tempt and belittle him



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Paul responded by:

Vs. 8- “Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me”

- Turning to God in faith and expectancy



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- Embracing his weakness

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- Resting in the Lord
 - We all know people who have been controlled and destroyed by their pain. Paul rested in God's grace and for God to be seen as strong.



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LADIES ~ BIBLE STUDY & INSIDE OUT

- ◉ TOMORROW, Sept 27, at the Greatwood Rec Center
- ◉ 7-9 PM
- ◉ Becoming a Woman of Excellence, explore what it means to be a woman after God's heart



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Sign up today to make a beautiful fall flower arrangement & enjoy dessert, coffee, and fellowship on **October 4th @ 7pm** at the home of Dede Harrington. Get your \$5 ticket at the women's ministry table. Details in the bulletin...



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Sunday, October 17th

If you are interested in baptism please email us at:
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Habitat for Humanity – October 9th and 23rd

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