

Strength in Weakness

II Corinthians 12:1-10

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** Paul speaks in the _____ person of an experience that he had 14 years ago. V. 2 (See verse 7 and the use of “me” and “I” to describe the man who had had the vision.)
- B.** Paul was taken to the third heaven or _____. V. 2,4 Notice the use of the word “caught up”. **I Thessalonians 4:16-17**
- C.** Paul is not sure if he was _____ the body or _____ of the body. V. 3
- D.** Because of this great experience Paul was given a _____/splinter in his flesh. V. 7
- E.** He prayed _____ times for healing, but it didn’t happen. V. 8
- F.** Christ _____ to Paul and told him that His grace is enough for him. He can endure it without being delivered from it. V. 9
- G.** Paul’s _____ does not lie in his health but in God! V. 10

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A.** It is important to maintain _____. We can become prideful in our relationship to God and start taking for granted that it is a gift. We do not deserve to be saved.
- B.** There are dimensions out there that we cannot see but they are just as _____ as our earthly dimension. We must become skilled, through prayer and by faith, to wage war in these dimensions. **Ephesians 6:10-12**
- C.** It is ok to seek deliverance from our _____ but until God delivers us it is essential that we allow God’s grace to give us _____ in the midst of it. When we are weak, we become strong!