

Message Notes

Leading¹ People²

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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What I Did for My
SUMMER VACATION



*What did you do for
your summer vacation?*









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**THE
JOYS &
PAINS
OF MINISTRY**

The last few weeks

GRACE

UNDER

FIRE

God's answer to keeping Paul grounded

2 Corinthians 12:7

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Paul's plea to take it away

2 Corinthians 12:8

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord
to take it away from me.

God's reply

2 Corinthians 12:9a

⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Paul's contentment with his deep struggles

2 Corinthians 12:9b-10

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RESTORE **HOPE EAST**



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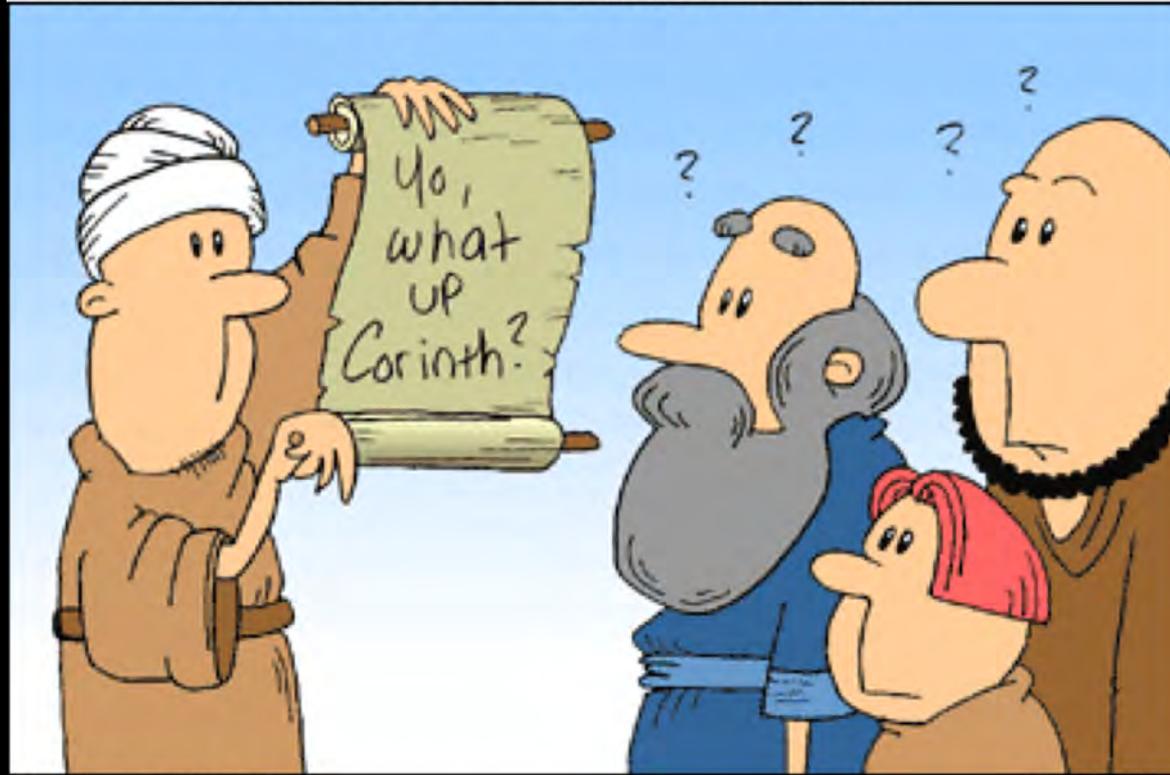
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Snapshots of Paul And The Corinthians

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The Pain from the Corinthians:

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The Pain in Paul:
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The Pain from the Corinthians:
Betrayal

Snapshot #2 - *Ungratefulness*

Oh, I'm sorry. I
forgot I only
exist to you
when you need
something.

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“He has described his relationship to them as the father who cares for them (1 Cor 4:14) and who begot them (1 Cor 4:15; see Phlm 10). He brought them the gospel (10:14); arranged their marriage to Christ (11:2); exalted them at his own expense (11:7); loved them faithfully, as God can attest (11:11); sacrificed himself for them (12:15, poured himself out for them); devoted himself to their upbuilding (12:19; 13:10); and, like any good parent, pointed out their faults and reprimanded them (12:20).”

~ David Garland, *2 Corinthians*. page 532

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Be joyful always;

¹⁷pray continually;

¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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**The Pain from the Corinthians:
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²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

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**The Pain in Paul:
Aloneness**

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The Pain from the Corinthians:

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Snapshot #4 - *Fear of Failure*



Snapshot #4 – *Fear and Grief*

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The Pain in Paul:
Spent

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**The Pain in Paul:
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The Pain from the Corinthians:

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Licentiousness

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