## Sermon Review September 19, 2021 "When Faith Is In Crisis!"

II Corinthians 12: 1-10

In all of our lives each of us can go through stressful situations. These times are critical and crucial to our existence and how we attempt to live out our faith. It is in these situations that we can very easily identify them as crisis. These are times that our lives are on edge and at a significant turning point. In our minds calamity is just around the corner. We can become fearful and depressed. These times can bring much turmoil and a high level of uncomfortableness. For the believer we know we can go to God in prayer and with His grace we can find strength to weather the adversity and crisis. Sometimes unfortunately we have the crisis itself, and then most unfortunately we turn to God and in His divine providence our faith in Him is met with seemingly silence. His unresponsiveness becomes a double whammy, a double crisis. The Apostle Paul a faithful servant of God expresses his discontentment with a thorn that he has in his life. Thorns are hurtful, and can even make the strongest of us cry. Thorns are piercing and can get under your skin and make us bleed. The crisis of the thorn is one thing, but to go to God and His seemingly unresponsiveness is debilitating, and therefore our faith in the Almighty is weakened. A weakened faith is simply meaning not at its full strength. A faith that is not tested is a faith that cannot be trusted. We think we are the only ones going through such struggles, but we must be reminded as God told Paul my grace is sufficient. In essence whether you understand the situation or not, God mercy and grace will surely suffice through these crisis situation. Don't give up, don't quit, hold on and he will see each of us through. Remember a tested faith is a trusted faith.

Be Blessed.

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