

## Lessons Learned Under The Tree

### 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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- Life Interrupted = God's Opportunities
  1. Paul on the Damascus road (Acts 9)
  2. Steven being stoned (Acts 7)
  3. John on the Island of Patmos (Rev 1)

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- God's miracles are all around us
  1. Creation (Romans 1)
  2. Birth (John 3)
  3. Regeneration & Transformation (2 Cor. 5:17)  
(Mark 5) Demoniac of the Gadarenes

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- Tunnel Vision is not always bad because it can bring about a laser focus
  1. Relationship with God (Pretense is not possible)
  2. Family
    - a. My wife – focus on life
    - b. My son – The joy of being a Dad
  3. Influences – People you minister to & with  
(2 Tim 4) Come & bring Mark

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- The multi-level lesson of humility

**James 4:10** **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**1 Peter 5:6** Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

**Philippians 3:10** that I may know Him and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death,

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- The value & power of the TREE

**1 Peter 2:24** who Himself bore our sins in **His** own body on the **tree**, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.