



Paul: Weak Heroes Are The Strongest

Saul the Punisher

Acts 7:57-8:3

Saul's Encounter

Acts 9:1-6: Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Paul's Past

Acts 22:1-5;19-20 & Acts 26:9-11

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

2 Corinthians 12:7-10: Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

What is your "thorn in the flesh"?

Prayer for the Week:

God, your grace is sufficient, and your strength is made perfect in my weakness.

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV)
translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*