

**Message:** *Disappointed with God - Walking with a Limp*

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me... 2 Corinthians 12:8*

WHAT IS A LIMP? WHAT IS A THORN?

**1. IT IS SOME DIFFICULTY IN OUR LIFE THAT WE WANT TO GET RID OF.**

*The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Genesis 32:31*

**2. IT IS A DIFFICULTY IN OUR LIFE THAT WE WANT REMOVED THAT ISN'T GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY.**

**3. WHY?**

PAUL GIVES US TWO REASONS FOR A LIMP, A THORN:

**1. TO KEEP US VULNERABLE AND ORDINARY**

*To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassing great revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 2 Corinthians 12:7*

*So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." Genesis 32:30*

**2. TO KEEP US AVAILABLE.**

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9*

*He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. Genesis 33:3*

*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9*