Jesus

for Grown-Ups

Abundant Life

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Faith, Love, Truth, Grace, Peace, Joy, Meaning, Resilience, Purpose, Gratitude

Difficulty is an opportunity for a better, stronger, and deeper life.

Flipped the Script

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods,

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I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles;

in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep;

2 Corinthians 11:27 NIV

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

2 Corinthians 11:27 NIV

Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:28 NIV

His Thorn…

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2 Corinthians 12:7 NIV

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Paul chose to view his thorn as a gift with a purpose.

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.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

There is a glory in weakness.

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.

2 Corinthians 12:10 NIV

Our thorn is a gift with
a purpose and a promise.

If you can find a way to be grateful for it, you can get through it.