



Series: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

Sunday, May 17, 2020

2 Cor:1:3-10

A Time of Worship

Pray—what are some things (or some individuals) you have been praying about this week that you'd like to pray about together?

Opener: *What from last week's lesson on Peter walking on water has you thought about further this week? What remains with you?*

Bible Study: *2 Cor. 1:3-10; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Gal 4:12-16; 6:11; Jn 14:1-2*

Discuss:

- Think back to Paul's conversion experience (cf. Acts 9). What other consequences might Paul have dealt with for the rest of his life as a result? How did meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus change his life forever?
- What are your thoughts on Paul's "thorn in the flesh"? Have you ever thought about it?
- How did Paul view his "thorn in the flesh" despite the fact he wished for God to remove it? How did he view the struggles in Asia he experienced?
- How was Paul required to rely on God thru these struggles and trials? What do you suppose he learned thru the ordeals?
- Some think Paul may have dealt with a form of depression (judging from 2 Cor 12 particularly). How does that affect your view of Paul?

Application:

Paul had his "thorn in the flesh" (whatever it may have been). We often have our own. What would you say might be yours?

If comfortable... share about a particularly difficult time in your life. What made it so difficult? What obstacles did you face and how did you get past it?

How have the "thorns" and struggles in your life made you stronger? More reliant upon God?

What have you learned thru the difficult moments in life? What have you learned thru these last few weeks?

What are you MOST excited to get back to when we are able to gather for worship assembly again?

Close in Prayer that God would open the eyes of your heart to see HIM more clearly AND those around you.