

Adversity: Burden or Bridge?

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II Corinthians 12:7-10

What did Paul learn by choosing to respond to adversity as a bridge to a deeper relationship with God?

- I. He could experience contentment in the midst of adversity. (Philippians 4:11)
- II. He could experience God's supernatural strength in his weakness. (II Corinthians 12:10; Philippians 4:13)
- III. He learned the true source for satisfying all his needs. (Philippians 4:19)
- IV. He learned he could trust in the faithfulness of God. (I Corinthians 10:13)
- V. He learned that God valued his service more than his desires. (II Corinthians 12:7)
- VI. He learned the sufficiency of God's grace in adversity. (II Corinthians 12:9)
- VII. He learned that even in his adversity, God was strengthening his message to his followers. (Philippians 1:14)
- VIII. He learned to see everything as coming from God. (II Corinthians 12:7)
- IX. He learned the ways of God. (II Corinthians 12:7)
- X. It enabled him to become a more effective comforter to those in adversity. (II Corinthians 6:4-6)
- XI. He learned that God had a specific purpose for his adversity. (II Corinthians 12:7)