



**God Will Give You More Than  
You Can Handle!**

# Paul's Oak Tree Moments

- **Acts 9**                      **Damascus – escaped in a basket**
- **Acts 13**                     **Antioch – expelled**
- **Acts 14**                     **Iconium – fled**
- **Acts 14**                     **Lystra and Derbe – stoned**
- **Acts 16**                     **Philippi – imprisoned**
- **Acts 17**                     **Thessalonica – imprisoned**
- **Acts 17**                     **Berea – escorted**
- **Acts 18**                     **Corinth – imprisoned**
- **Acts 19**                     **Ephesus – escaped**
- **Acts 21**                     **Jerusalem – arrested**
- **Acts 23**                     **Caesar – imprisoned**

# First Tulip Moment

*And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.*

# Second Tulip Moment

*24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. 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 – 2 Corinthians 11:24-26.*

# Second Tulip Moment

*27 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. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness* – 2 Corinthians 11:27-30.

# Third Tulip Moment

*7 Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me – 2 Corinthians 12:7-8.*

# Third Tulip Moment

9 *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. 10 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 12:9-10.*

# Fourth Tulip Moment

*8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.– 2 Corinthians 1:8-9.*



# Fourth Tulip Moment

*10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us , 11 as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many – 2 Corinthians 1:10-11.*

# Concluding Applications

1. Everyone has tulip moments.
2. Tulip moments make us rely on God.
3. Tulip moments make us rely on others.