

wvc "Something To Work With" Wed Nov 11, 2020

I. ***I Corinthians 15:1-10***

A. Paul....mighty indeed

1. Although he persecuted the church, He became a chosen vessel
2. It doesn't matter where you have been, only where you are going

B. Paul and the understanding of grace

1. He had a "rhema" word on the road to Damascus

- *"Why are you persecuting me?"*

- *"It is hard for you to kick against the pricks."* Pricks indicates a sharp object or pointed stick to urge a stubborn animal to move. The reality of this scripture is that Paul was already struggling and fighting against God's calling on His life and once he surrendered to it, He became the most powerful vessel for God and the greatest enemy to Satan and his kingdom.

2. Jesus spoke this to Paul concerning what Satan intended for evil concerning the thorn in the flesh: *"My grace is sufficient for you."*

This phrase may not have the same meaning for most believers, but it should!

C. The Potter and the Clay (***Isaiah 64:8***)

1. Most look at this scripture as "God is molding us through triumph and despair"
2. The Truth: "God molds you into perfection and perfect peace as you submit to His will! (The molding doesn't come through trials and pains, but rather listening and obeying!)"

II. I am what I am because....

A. Why was Paul chosen? Why are you?

1. Mercy and Grace

- *Mercy: Compassion*

- *Grace: Acceptance*

2. Submission is paramount

B. ***I Timothy 1:12-18***

1. The understanding: If God can use Paul, who was chief among sinners, he can use anyone; what are you giving God to work with today?
2. Prophecies are written concerning you; find them...believe them...receive them!