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God's comforts in Pain and Affliction
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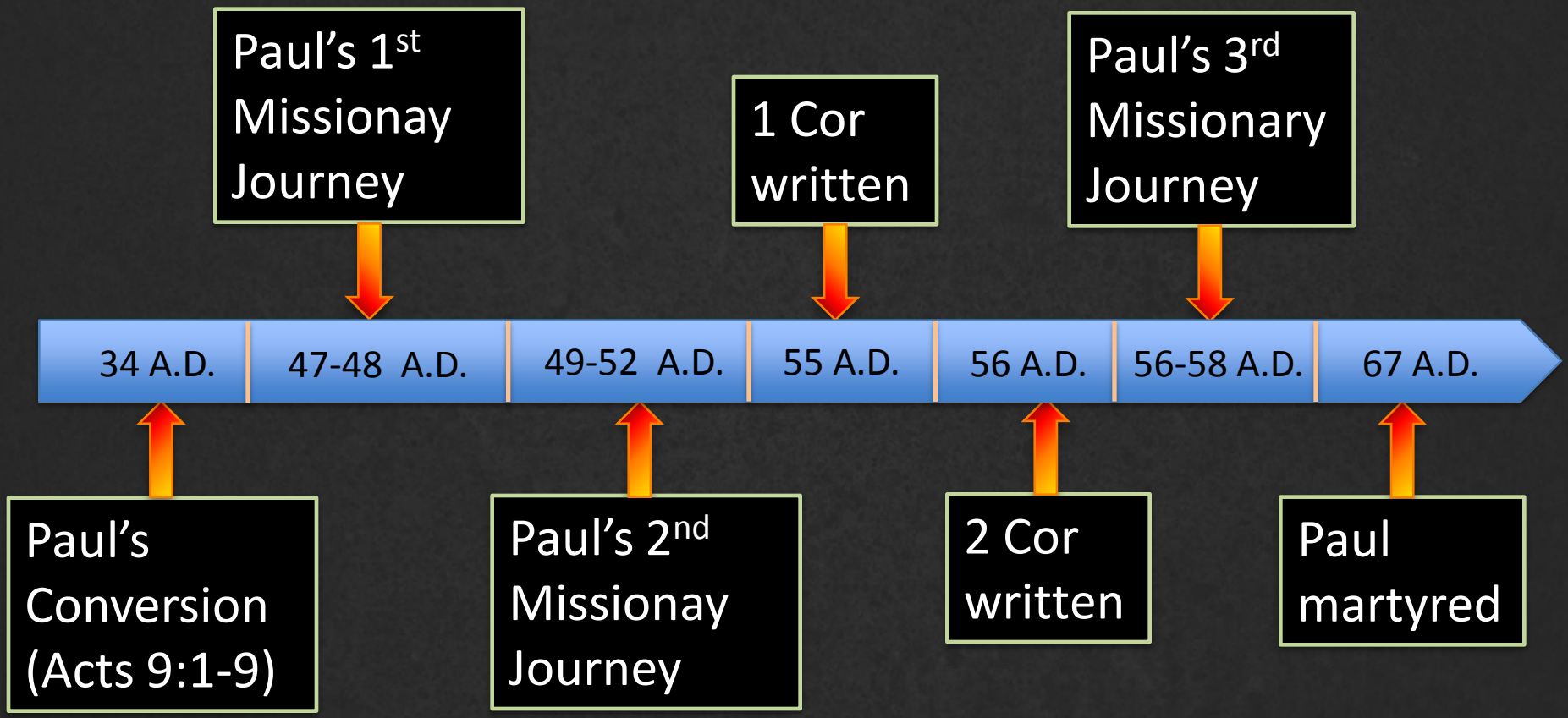
Paul's life - TIMELINE



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Paul's life – His Struggles

- Hunger
- Thirst
- Nakedness
- 39 strips
- Shipwreck
- Stoned
- Robbery
- Jail

- Concern for the churches

2 Corinthians 7:6 But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

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[3] Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. [5] For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. [6] But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; [7] and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

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Afflictions draw us close to God to know Him and hear Him

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God who…

2 Corinthians 1:9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;
2 Corinthians 1:21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,
2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you
2 Corinthians 5:5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.
18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
2 Corinthians 7:6 But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus;
2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus.

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Afflictions give us a taste of God's presence and His comforts

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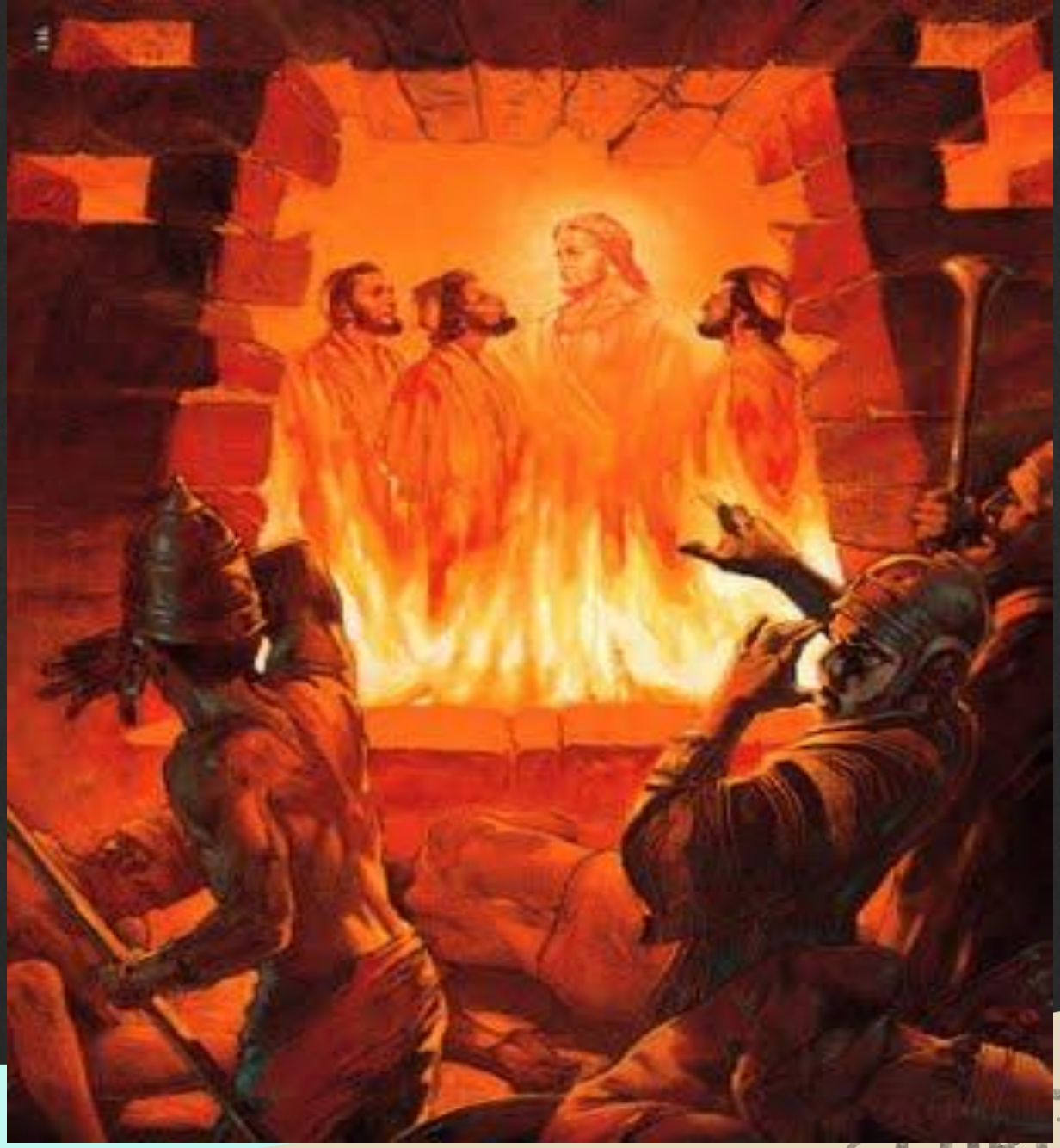

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Afflictions equip us to value God's people and reach out to them

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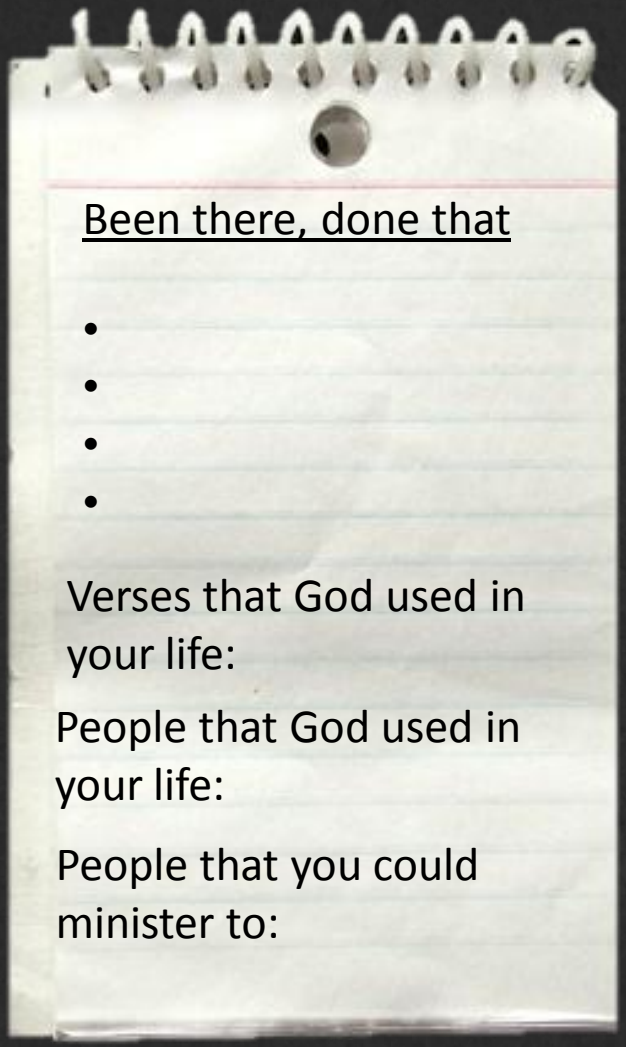
The mission of the church is not only to bring people to God but to take God to those who are wounded by the experience of life, to touch those who are broken, to bring healing to those with damaged emotions.

~ Ravi Zacharias

Has Christianity failed you , p.89



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So, do not fear the struggle; rather embrace it. Embrace it in the knowledge that the Grand Weaver will take all of your struggles, questions, disappointments, and fears and use them to build your faith and increasingly make you into a man or woman who looks like Jesus Christ

~ Ravi Zacharias

Grand Weaver, p.181

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