I. FIRST, PAUL LEARNED THAT PAIN HAPPENS.
   A. Not even the Apostle Paul got a pass on pain.
   B. Paul asked God to take his pain away—v.8.

II. SECOND, PAUL LEARNED THAT PAIN HAS PURPOSE.
   A. This is a lesson that no one else can teach us.
   B. Paul reached this conclusion when he realized the purpose of his particular pain was to keep him humble—v.7.
   C. What are some of the lessons we can only learn in pain’s classroom?
      1. Pain can strengthen our faith—1 Peter 1:7.
      2. Pain encourages us to pray.
      4. Pain prepares us to comfort others—2 Cor. 1:3-4.

III. THIRD, PAUL LEARNED THAT PAIN HAS POWER.
    A. God didn’t remove Paul’s pain, but he did promise to give him power “in” his pain—2 Cor.12:9-10.
    B. The lesson here is that the power of pain can introduce us to an even greater power, the power of God!