

# Black Ice: The Disappointments of Life

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**Questions:** How idealistic would you rate yourself when you were younger? How “immortal” did you see yourself? How much disappointment have you experienced in your life?

**Black ice moments are disappointing and inconvenient.**

**Read** 2 Corinthians 12:5-10

When Paul experienced disappointment

- Instead of being a victim  
Instead of blaming God
- He embraced the pain  
He learned the lessons  
He became strong in his faith

**Questions:** When have you responded to disappointment the way that Paul did? Which response is most difficult for you?

**We need God’s grace.**

**Questions:** What do you think was Paul’s “thorn in his flesh”? Without knowing for sure, what is the message that is trying to be conveyed?

