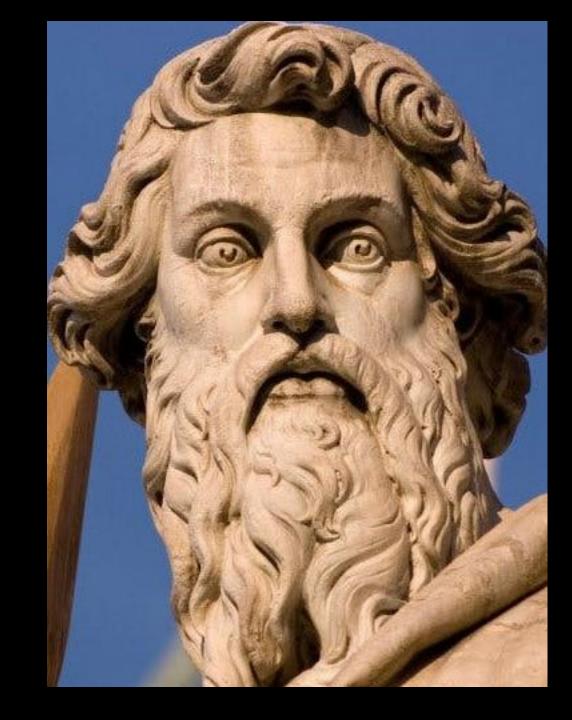


Out of Adversity

Lessons from the life of Paul

## The heart of the matter:

- 1. What was it that created the will in Paul to continue?
- 2. What did he do that brought so much persecution upon him?
- 3. What did that persecution develop in him?



# Channeling a zeal for God

New Meaning to an Old Story





"For we do not want you to be unaware of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life"

2Cor 1: 8



#### **Out of Adversity**

Jesus is the image of God, the firstborn over all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones dominions rulers and powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning, firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him dwells the fulness and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

by making peace through the blood of his cross, whether the things on earth or the heavens



#### Paul's Source for Life

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
Perplexed, but not despairing;
Persecuted, but not forsaken;
Struck down, but not destroyed;
Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,
So that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our body.

2COR 4: 7-11



THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,



SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HIM BETTER.

{ | PRAY }

THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE

# ENLIGHTENED

----- IN ORDER THAT -----

you may HOPE to which he know the HOPE has called you,

THE RICHES OF HIS

## GLORIOUS INHERITANCE

IN HIS HOLY PEOPLE,

INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE.