WE SERVE TOGETHER

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Pastor Alan Dionson October 1, 2023

INTRO:

- 1. The confession of a coach
- 2. The confession of an apostle

A. THE PERIL OF PAIN

- 1. Internal pain (2 Corinthians 5:4-5)
- 2. External pain (2 Corinthians 4:8-12
- 3. **Spiritual** pain (2 Corinthians 12:1-5)

B. THE PARADOX OF PAIN

- 1. The paradox of who **gets** it (v. 1-7a)
- 2. The paradox of the impact it generates (v. 7b)
- 3. The paradox of when is it **going** to end (v. 8)

C. THE <u>PRIVILEGE</u> OF PAIN

- 1. The privilege of experiencing God's **grace** (v. 9a)
- 2. The privilege of seeing God's **glory** (v. 9b)
- 3. The privilege of **giving** and serving God's people (v. 10)

CONCLUSION:

We are **blessed**, **broken** and **given**. (Mark 14:22-26)