

SCARS!



SCARS TALK! - 2 COR. 11:24, 25

- 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.
- 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned.



SCARS TALK! - ACTS 14:19

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.



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From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. *(Galatians 6:17)*



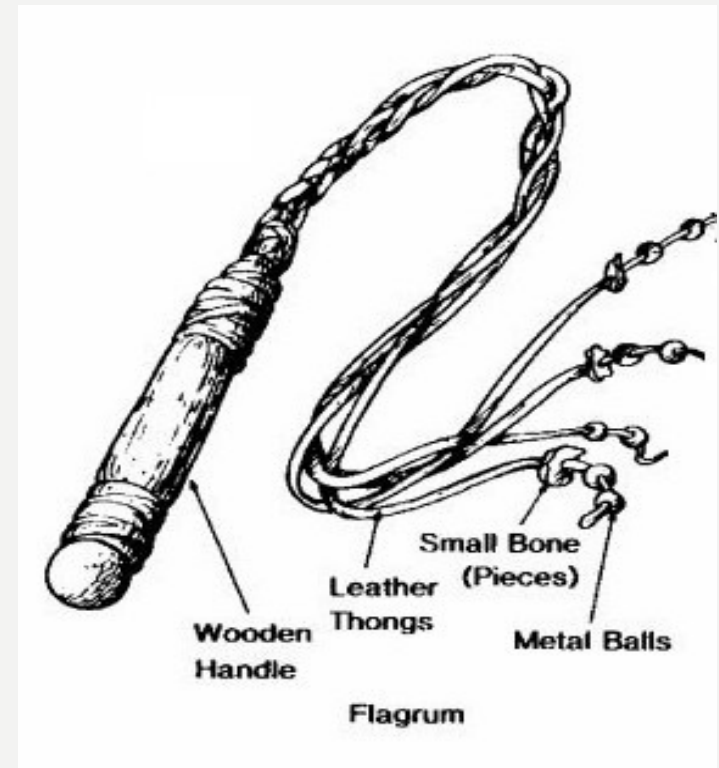
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- **Acts 5:40** "...and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go."
- **Jesus** (John 19:1; Matt. 27:26; Jn. 20:27)



WHAT DO SCARS SAY?

- "I'm telling you the truth!"
- "I love you!"



WHAT DO SCARS TELL US?

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8,9

- 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
- 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:10, 11

10 ...always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

WHAT DO SCARS TELL US?
2 CORINTHIANS 4:12

12 So death is at work in us, but
life in you.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:15

15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

JOHN 3:14

- 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

JOHN 3:16,17

- 16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

WHAT DO SCARS TELL US?

ISAIAH 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN SCARS?

- **“Good” scars** - *those that come from service to God*
- **“Bad” scars** - *those that come from our sins and weaknesses*

2 CORINTHIANS 11:28, 29

- 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.
- 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

HOW TO DEAL WITH “GOOD” SCARS?

- A part of discipleship
- Prayer
- Consider examples of those whose “scars” far surpass ours - Jesus, the apostles
- Focus on the eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

SCARS GIVE HOPE AND PURPOSE - 2 COR. 4:16-18

16 So we do not lose heart.
Though our outer self is wasting
away, our inner self is being
renewed day by day.

SCARS GIVE HOPE AND PURPOSE - 2 COR. 4:17

- **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

SCARS GIVE HOPE AND PURPOSE - 2 COR. 4:18

18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT WOUNDS THAT COME FROM SIN?

- Repent!
- Trust in His scars! (Isaiah 53:5)
- Don't wallow in guilt.
- Be thankful for the "scarring" process
 - *An open wound says - "I am still in sin"*
 - *A scar says - "I have left the sin and learned from it."*

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

- The witnesses told the truth about Jesus Christ!
- Jesus loves you!
- Jesus will help you with your scars.
- How will you respond?