

A GENUINE BASKET CASE!

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THREE IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS EVERY BASKET CASE NEEDS TO KNOW:

I. WHEN YOU S _____ GOD DON'T BE S _____ WHEN YOU SUFFER!

Acts 9:4,5 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.'

Acts 9:15,16 But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'

TWO SOURCES OF SUFFERING

E _____ pressure from A _____

Whipped five times

Stoned

Beaten three times

Shipwrecked three times

I _____ pressure from A _____

v 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches

II. WHEN YOU F _____ USE IT AS A TURNING POINT IN YOUR L _____!

2 Corinthians 11:32,33 In Damascus the governor...had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.

Acts 9:22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

III. WHEN S _____ BY ADVERSITY LET GOD C _____ YOU!

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Isaiah 46:4 I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

ASK YOURSELF 2 QUESTIONS

1. Do I need to h _____ myself and c _____
into God's basket?

2. Do I need to s _____ up and hold the
r _____ for a friend?

