

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Paul's Pride: Part 2
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April 9, 2017
Reading: Job 2:1-10

What did you like about this message?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this message teach you about people?

What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Verses 21 through 29 is a diverse list of unfortunate events Paul endured for the name of Christ. It not only is an example of persecution, but is the ultimate picture of persecution for the faith—save martyrdom itself. What kind of trials have you endured for the name of Christ? How have those experiences strengthened your faith and expanded your testimony?

The Call to Missional Living

In a world so enthused with self-praise and personal recognition, Paul's boasting seems quite peculiar. For the lost, it even seems backwards. Much of who we are as Christians is counter-cultural (or should be). How does your counter-cultural life speak to your neighbors about the love of Christ?

Pray

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1. Too weak for foolishness (vss. 16-21a)

- Self-confident boasting
- Desperate times call for desperate measures
- Sarcasm as a weapon

2. Too weak NOT to burn (vss. 21b-29)

- “So am I”
- Equality to superiority
- Paul’s anxious concern

3. Too weak to save himself (vss. 30-33)

- Showing our weakness
- God as our witness
- Escape to everlasting life