

II CORINTHIANS



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READ

Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- How is Paul's boasting different than that of the "super apostles"?
- What are some of the ways the "super apostles" mistreated the Corinthian believers (v.20)?
- Why does Paul choose to boast in his weaknesses instead of his successes?
- In what ways is the message of Christ crucified present in this passage? How does the self-serving promotion of the "super apostles" directly contradict the message of the gospel?
- How does this text help form a theology of suffering in the Christian life?

APPLY

- What might it look like to boast of the things that show our weaknesses?
- How can we boast in our weaknesses without glorifying the weaknesses themselves?
- What do we learn about the nature of Christian discipleship from Paul's life? How does Christian community help us face the sufferings that accompany following Jesus?
- How should we apply this text when God places us in positions of ministry and leadership?
- How does this passage inform the way we view, relate to, and evaluate our leaders?

PRAY

- Share any prayer requests you have relative to your own sufferings and weaknesses as a follower of Jesus. Pray for one another to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in the gospel, knowing that "the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever," is accomplishing his redemptive purposes through even our sufferings.

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