**"THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS"**

 **Chapter Eleven**

**OBJECTIVES IN STUDYING THIS CHAPTER**

1) To understand why Paul felt it necessary to engage in "foolish

 boasting"

2) To see how one might be misled by "false apostles" and "deceitful

 workers"

3) To appreciate the great amount of suffering Paul endured as a

 minister of Christ

**SUMMARY**

While not desiring to act foolishly, Paul finds it necessary since it

seems that the Corinthians are so willing to accept those who do

(**16-21**).With some foolish boldness, then, Paul claims equal footing

with his detractors as it pertains to physical heritage. But when it

comes to service as a minister of Christ, he far surpasses them as is

evident in the things he suffered. After listing many examples of

suffering, he concludes that if he must boast it will be in the things

which concern his infirmity, giving his escape from Damascus as an

illustration (**22-33**).

**OUTLINE**

**I. THE NECESSITY FOR SOME "FOOLISH BOASTING" (1-21)**

 **C. WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE (16-21)**

 1. Paul is no fool, but for those who think otherwise, then

 receive him as a fool as he begins to boast (**16**)

 2. Boasting is foolish and not of the Lord, but seeing that many

 boast and they seem to put up with them gladly in their

 wisdom, then Paul will boast too (**17-19**)

 3. Since they seem willing to endure those who abuse them, Paul

 will be bold and boast a little as well (**20-21**)

**II. THE GROUNDS FOR HIS "FOOLISH BOASTING" (22-33)**

 **A. HIS PHYSICAL HERITAGE (22)**

 1. Like his opponents, He is a Hebrew

 2. Like his opponents, He is an Israelite

 3. Like his opponents, He is of the seed of Abraham

 **B. HIS SACRIFICIAL SERVICE AS A MINISTER OF CHRIST (23-33)**

 1. It is foolish to speak of his opponents as ministers of

 Christ, but if so, Paul is one much more (**23a**)

 2. He has labored more, and suffered more, than they (**23b**)

 3. A list of the suffering Paul endured as a minister of Christ

 (**24-29**)

 a. Five times he was beaten with 39 stripes by the Jews (**24**)

 b. Three times he was been with rods (**25a**)

 c. Once he was stoned (**25b**)

 d. Three times he was shipwrecked (**25c**)

 e. A night and a day in the deep (**25d**)

 f. Miscellaneous perils on his many journeys (**26**)

 g. Miscellaneous discomforts (**27**)

 h. His daily concern for the condition of churches (**28-29**)

 4. If he must boast, then let it be concerning his infirmity

 (**30-33**)

 a. His "infirmity" (possibly his "thorn in the flesh" of

 **11:7-10**) was the persecution he endured in service to

 Christ

 b. As an example, having to flee Damascus (**31-33**)

***16I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.***

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***17That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.***

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***18Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.***

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***19For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.***

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***20For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.***

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***21I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Notes: Bible study review (from Pastor Dennis Westbrook): Sept.4/2019***

* ***Thoughts that are not spoken die***
* ***When you’re studying the Word, do you see yourself in the characters in the scriptures? Can you put yourself in the same position?***
* ***If you’re in a situation and you feel yourself getting angry/upset, walk away.***
* ***Keep the importance of the Word active in your life.***
* ***Remind yourself that you’re a New Creature in Christ, and don’t identify with deeds done in the past, “that person” is dead;***

***Notes from “Living the Life of Faith” Sept 1. 2019***

* ***Rom.1:17 ” …the just shall live by faith..”***
* ***Live-exist, put something into practice***
* ***Practice a life of faith like him***
* ***Righteousness: becoming with God in fellowship, believing and thinking***
* ***If you’re in faith, bring it out your mouth***
* ***Living by faith will push you to a rim where you “look” crazy***
* ***Faith and confession is like water is to wet***
* ***What is faith? (Gk.) persuasion, putting your believing in the right tense- present tense; Faith is always now. “Now faith is…” future tense is hope***
* ***Moral conviction of the truthfulness, agreeing with God’s principles, rules of standards of right and wrong behavior***
* ***With every victory of faith you get stronger***
* ***Your voice gives life to the practice you’re operating in-when you speak that word comes alive***
* ***In creation nothing happened until “The Word” showed up…and God said…Let there be….and it was***
* ***There is no doubt or fear in God***
* ***Living by faith is doing the word!, walking is the action of faith, the corresponding action to what you say***
* ***God can only respond to faith***
* ***God makes us righteous in order to fellowship with Him***
* ***When we become born again we become God’s child; that means I am like Him.***
* ***Every time you say I AM you invoke God in you***

***Notes from Co-Pastor’s Sermon; “Determined Faith”***

* ***As Satan intensifies his fight against you, intensify your faith!***
* ***We know we have eternal life through the Word***
* ***When you’re in a faith fight, don’t be passive with your faith; “say” something; tell yourself this sickness has an expiration date!***
* ***If/When your spirit is built up you can/will defeat the enemy***
* ***Use your weapon, which is the Word of God, it is your freedom***