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Sufferings for the Sake of the Gospel

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After exposing the false teachers as agents of Satan (2 Cor. 11:1–15), Paul now “plays” their game by boasting a little as a fool might (2 Cor. 11:16–21) **so that the Corinthians could see how senseless it was to give ears to the false teachers’ speech.** If the Corinthians held them in high regard, Paul deserved higher consideration. His sufferings for the gospel show that he was a faithful servant of Christ (2 Cor. 11:22, 23).

>>> Note — 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 covered by Pr Rafferty in Les #9 Saturday portion

Read 2 Corinthians 11:22–28. What point is he making here?

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 22 Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

28 besides the other things, **what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.**

While Paul's Jewish credentials are identical to those of the false teachers (2 Cor. 11:22), his service to Christ surpasses theirs (2 Cor. 11:23). "Are they ministers of Christ?" he asks. The answer is "I am more." His labors were more abundant; his imprisonments, more frequent; his beatings, more severe.

But this is not all. His list of sufferings also includes five instances of thirty-nine strokes (2 Cor. 11:24), beatings with rods, stoning, shipwrecks, danger in deep waters (2 Cor. 11:25), danger at journeys, danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from countrymen, danger from Gentiles, danger in crowded cities, danger in desolate country, danger at sea, danger from false believers (2 Cor. 11:26), strenuous labors, exhausting toils, sleepless nights, hunger, thirst, food shortage, cold, nakedness (2 Cor. 11:27). As if that weren't enough, he still had to deal with mental anguish because of his deep anxiety for the churches (2 Cor. 11:28).

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1 Corinthians 4:12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

13 being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

2 Corinthians 6:9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things

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Only a true servant of Christ would be willing to suffer like this for the gospel. **If Paul were really to boast about his sufferings, he had much to say.** However, the next section of the letter shows that the reason for his boast was based not on what he did for Christ but on what Christ had done for him. **Paul knew God's power is more visibly displayed in human weakness (2 Cor. 12:9, 10). By giving him a thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7), God protected Paul from boasting about his accomplishments. This kept him humble, aware of his weakness, dependent on divine power, and in the condition of receiving more of God's grace and mercy.**

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Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

Jhn 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Yet, the presence of Jesus in our lives helps carry on knowing that Jesus is with us.

Have you also been suffering for the sake of the gospel? What have you learned from this experience? How can the way Paul dealt with his sufferings help you deal with yours?

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Additional Notes

They should be taught that this world is not a parade ground, but a battlefield. All are called to endure hardness, as good soldiers. They are to be strong and quit themselves like men. Let them be taught that the true test of character is found in the willingness to bear burdens, to take the hard place, to do the work that needs to be done, though it bring no earthly recognition or reward. Ed 295.2

The true way of dealing with trial is not by seeking to escape it, but by transforming it. Ed 295.3

We are to “look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18. The exchange we make in the denial of selfish desires and inclinations is an exchange of the worthless and transitory for the precious and enduring. This is not sacrifice, but infinite gain. Ed 296.5

O, how precious is the sweet influence of the Spirit of God as it comes to depressed or despairing souls, encouraging the faint-hearted, strengthening the feeble, and imparting courage and help to the tried servants of the Lord! O, what a God is ours, who deals gently with the erring, and manifests His patience and tenderness in adversity, and when we are overwhelmed with some great sorrow! —Patriarchs and Prophets, 657. RRe 107.2

The Lord permits trials in order that we may be cleansed from earthliness, from selfishness, from harsh, unchristlike traits of character. He suffers the deep waters of affliction to go over our souls, in order that we may know Him, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, in order that we may have deep heart-longings to be cleansed from defilement, and may come forth from the trial purer, holier, happier.—Christ’s Object Lessons, 175. RRe 107.3

He Desires to Refine Even Me, April 16 RRe 108

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth, therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. Job 5:17. RRe 108.1

Many of your afflictions have been visited upon you in the wisdom of God, to bring you closer to the throne of grace. He softens and subdues His children by sorrows and trials. This world is God’s work-shop, where He fashions us for the courts of Heaven. He uses the planing-knife upon our quivering hearts until the roughness and irregularities are removed, and we are fitted for our proper places in the heavenly building. Through tribulation and distress, the Christian becomes purified and strengthened, and develops a character after the model that Christ has given.—Testimonies for the Church 4:143. RRe 108.2

The fact that we are called upon to endure trial shows that the Lord Jesus sees in us something precious, which He desires to develop. If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name, He would not spend time in refining us. He does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He refines.
—The Ministry of Healing, 471. RRe 108.3