



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
July 26, 2026

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say?

(Goal: go slow, read several times, let God speak for himself)

- Read vss 16-21a. Why does Paul boast? Is it justified?
- Read vss 21b-29. What is Paul actually boasting about?
- Read vss 30-33 and Acts 9:19-25. What were the circumstances behind Paul being lowered through a window in a basket? Extra Credit??? Why would this be humbling?

What does it mean?

(Goal: get to the heart of the text. What is Paul saying and how it relates to the here and now)

- What does Paul mean when he says, "I boast with confidence, not as the Lord would but as a fool?"
- What does it mean in vss 19-20, "You gladly bear with fools and are wise in your own eyes?"
- How did the false teachers disrespect the Corinthians? How did the Corinthians respond to their treatment?
- Why do Christians suffer? This could be answered many ways of course.

What should I do?

(Goal: move from understanding to application in your own walk with the Lord.)

- Are there times when you need to boast? Is it appropriate? How can you guard against superficial boasting?
- What leaders do you follow? How do you know they are leading you right? What would you do if someone who directly is leading you leads you in the wrong direction?
- What weakness do you have and how do you let Christ shine in those weaknesses?
- When you face persecution for being a follower of Christ, what do you do? Retract, engage, show restraint, get upset? How can you prepare for persecution?
- Embrace your weaknesses. Walk in Humility. Take the yoke of Jesus upon you and let Him be your sufficiency.
- Fix your eyes on Jesus and let him lead the way!.
- Don't live life on your own. Seek to be with others and minister in the power of Christ.