

How God has and will keep Rescuing us. 2 Corinth 11

2 Corinthians 11:21b-12:10 Paul the apostle cites many hardships he had been through for the gospel message and in his walk with God. So we can relate to some not yet. Going through challenging times is nothing new for the church, and the righteous. We have to take the good with the bad years, the blessings and the hardships. No one will escape the reality of facing hardships, yet because of our hope in Christ and eternal life in him with him...we can endure with joy, with purpose, and with the intent on glorifying God in them.

There is power in remembering how God brought us through hard times in the past and protected us. It reminds us that our present suffering will not last.

Vs. 23-28- he lists many of his specific challenges God allowed him to go through. Take a few minutes and write out all you can remember God has brought you through faithfully.

Vs. 29- In this we can all relate to being weak, but being weak does not mean we have to compromise our righteousness in hard times.

What weakness has God exposed in you during this time?

How have you been "holding up"(kept your righteousness) in your current challenges?

Sin is never the answer and it does not bring the relief/joy it promises! Paul reminds us sin hurts everyone!

Vs. 30-33- Paul says boast about our weaknesses because it shows how mighty and merciful God is! In this case he said God saved him via a "little basket" that does not sound epic...but it was God's grace showing him with all his might he could not save himself, but God did it with a little bike basket...humbling.

God can use obscure and menial things to save us.

Vs. 1-10 Paul says in all he knows, and has seen, with all his might there are still temptations/weaknesses that we have....and vs. 9-10 Jesus tell Paul he must learn to rely on his Grace, that it is enough.

In our weaknesses God is glorified because he gives us the: means, way, power, to remain faithful, strong, and able to persevere. Great lesson and reminder that even Paul the super apostle with all he had seen and done, still had to learn to rely on God's Grace than his own self.

How are you still learning this lesson?

What weakness do you need to accept and boast about so you can rely on God more?

Take a few minutes Pray and acknowledge God is refining our faith and characters during the time.