



“Glorious Suffering”

Ministers of Christ
II Corinthians 11:23-33

Serving Jesus comes with:

I. Hurts – “once I was stoned” (vs. 23-27)

Hurts from:

A. **Pe** _____ – “Of the Jews five times received I forty save one”

B. **Pl** _____ – “in perils in the wilderness”

C. **Pr** _____ – “in cold and nakedness”

II. Heartache - “who is weak, and I am not weak” (vs. 28-30)

Heartache accompanied by:

A. **Anx** _____ – “the care of all the churches”

B. **An** _____ – “who is offended, and I burn not”

C. **A** _____ – “which concern my infirmities”

III. Help – “desirous to apprehend me” (vs. 31-33)

Help from the:

A. **Tr** _____ - “knows that I lie not”

B. **Te** _____ - “was let down by the wall ”

C. **Tr** _____ - “escaped his hands”

Sentence Sermon

*“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep
for that which he cannot lose...” Jim Elliot*

Additional Verses

- **I Peter 2:20-21; 4:16**
- **Acts 20:24**
- **I Corinthians 9:15-16, 22; 12:26**
- **Psalm 32:4**
- **I Peter 1:1-6**
- **Acts 9:19-25**
- **Romans 8:17, 36**
- **II Corinthians 1:17**
- **Philippians 3:10**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why is suffering a part of serving Jesus in the past? i.e. Prophet/Apostles
4. Do Christians today suffer for serving Jesus? Explain
5. What is the significance of the Jews causing some of Paul’s suffering?
6. Why is situational suffering given so much coverage in this passage?
7. What do you think is included in Paul’s “care of all the churches?”
8. Why would Paul glory in his infirmities? Do you ever glory in yours?
9. Why do you think Paul includes being let down in a basket in such detail?
10. What suffering in serving Jesus is hardest for you to deal with?
11. What servant of Jesus has God uniquely positioned you to encourage?
12. Does Paul’s example help you hang in there while serving Jesus? Explain