

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from March 18, 2012 Paul's Foolish Boasting 2 Corinthians 11:30-33

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 11:30-33 carefully and make as many observations as possible. How do these verses fit into the flow of the text?

What was the significance of Paul's words when he said, "If I have to boast?"

Why did Paul prefer boasting of his weakness?

What was the significance of Paul's oath in 2 Corinthians 11:31?

Why did Paul conclude this section on his sufferings as he did in 2 Corinthians 11:32-33?

Applying the sermon

What distinguishing marks do you typically identify with true servants of Christ?

Why would the willingness to suffer because of faithfully fulfilling the Great Commission be one of the marks of a servant of Christ?

How important do you believe the willingness to suffer is when it comes to identifying a true disciple of Christ?

How has your willingness to suffer been demonstrated recently?

Take the time to pray that God will give you the grace to grow in this willingness to suffer if necessary in order to be a faithful representative of Christ in the fulfillment of the great commission.