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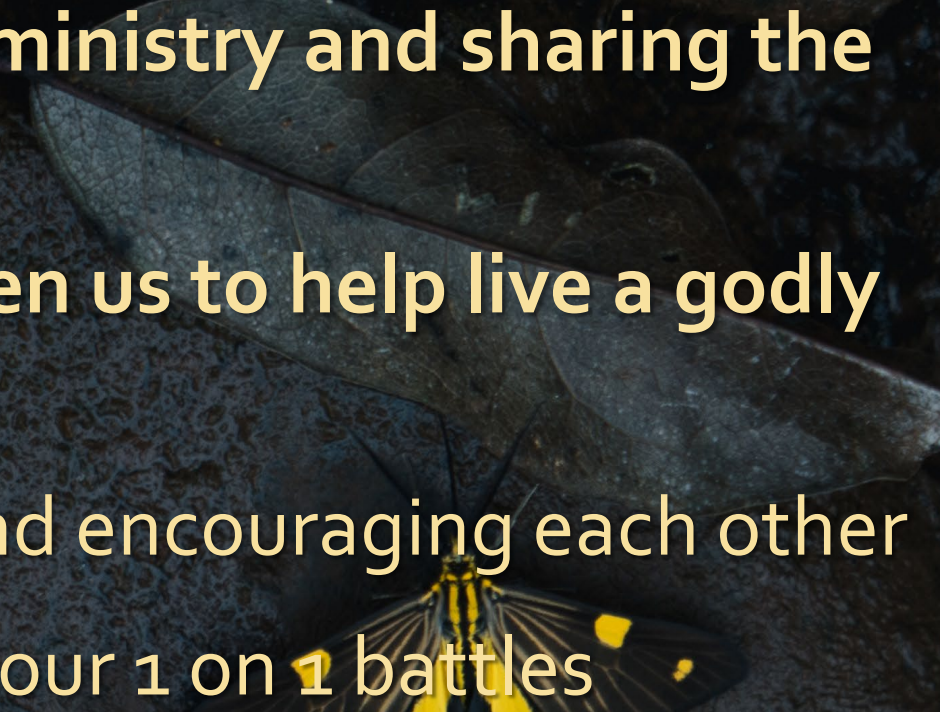
2Pe 1:3

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,



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- Life of Paul – He made no excuses in ministry and sharing the Gospel
  - What are the things that God has given us to help live a godly life?
    - 1) The church – for edifying – learning and encouraging each other
    - 2) His Spirit and the Bible – to help us in our 1 on 1 battles
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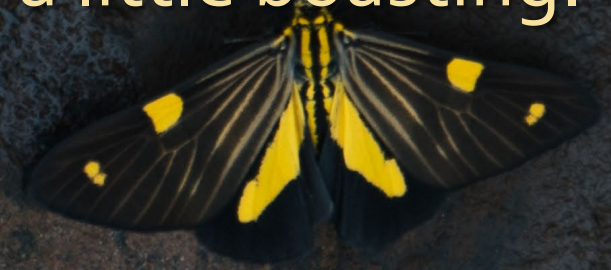
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## ▪ The Sufferings of Paul – 2Cor 11: 16-33

2Co 11:16

I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting.



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2Co 11:17

In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool.



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2Co 11:18

Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast.

2Co 11:19

You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise!



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2Co 11:20

In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face.



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2Co 11:21

To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that!  
Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking  
as a fool—I also dare to boast about.





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2Co 11:22

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.



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2Co 11:23

Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.



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2Co 11:24

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

2Co 11:25

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

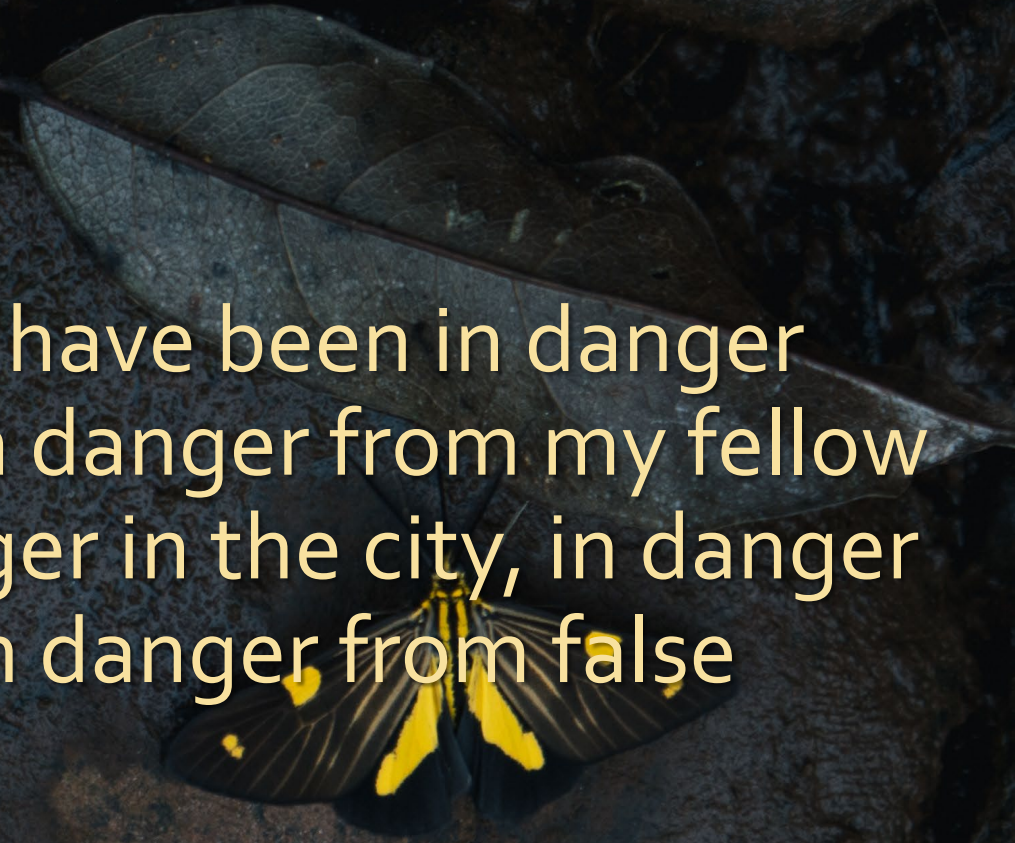


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2Co 11:26

I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.



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2Co 11:27

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

2Co 11:28

Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.



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2Co 11:29

Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

2Co 11:30

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.



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2Co 11:31

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.

2Co 11:32

In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me.



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2Co 11:33

But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.





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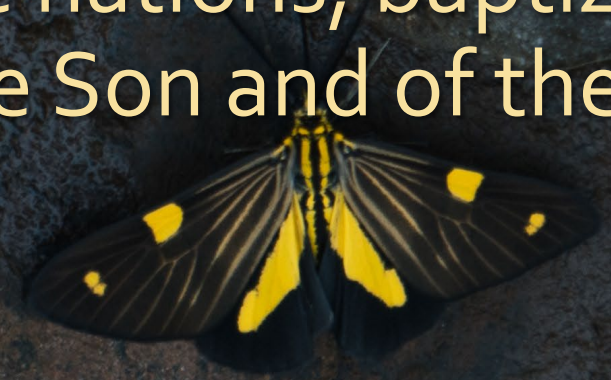


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Mat 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



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Mat 28:20

teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



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- So what was Paul's secret:
  - 1) He understood His mission and purpose
  - 2) He understood the power of God



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Col 2:9,10

–For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power.

But for us to experience the power of God we need to surrender and let Him work in our life and use you.

