

2 Corinthians 11:16-33 – Boasting in weakness

Muhammad Ali – “I am the greatest”

Recap of serving and suffering in weakness

2 Cor 1.3-4,9; 2.16; 4.7; 5.2-20; 6.4-6; 8.2,9; 11.5

1. Who is the fool? – v16-23a

The Fool's Speech

Boasting in self and achievements is foolish

Prov26.4-5

Why Paul is compelled to boast a little

2. Paul's Boast – v23-33

If forced, only in his weaknesses – a long list

Deut 25.3; Acts 16.22; 14.19-20; 27.27ff

V28 - Daily pressure and concern for the churches

V30 – if necessary, only boast about his weaknesses

3. Our Response

i) Re Boasting

Do you need to change your attitude and behaviour?

ii) Re suffering and weakness in serving Jesus

- Pressure/ concern for other Christians
Costly suffering for the good of other Christians

Are you convicted of a lack of love and zeal?

Example and teaching of our Lord Jesus

1 Cor 11.1; Mk 10.45; John 13.15

Examples worth imitating:

Lexie, Semir & Sarah, Fiona, Sally, Jude