Ministry of Suffering - 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

I. God's Ministers Proclaim His Truth, v. 16-21
   A. Ministers can admit imperfections, v. 16-17

   B. Ministers can boast in the Lord's doings, v. 18

   C. Ministers can stand boldly on the truth, v. 19-22

II. God's Ministers Suffer Hardship to Proclaim His Truth, v. 16-21
   A. The Proclaimer of the Gospel will labor and suffer, v. 23

   B. The Proclaimer of the Gospel must remain faithful for the sake of the Gospel, v. 24-28

III. God's Ministers Must Be Willing to Suffer Humiliation, v. 29-33
   A. An acknowledgment of weakness, v. 29

   B. The bold declaration of God's truth, v. 31

   C. Paul's humiliating service, v. 32-33

- How do we shift our attention away from ourselves, making sure God is exalted in the things in our lives?
- What kinds of suffering cause you to lose focus from your service?
- How can you acknowledge your weaknesses and let them point others to God’s strength?
- What practical steps can you take to ensure that your ministry is grounded in truth and authenticity?
- How can you support your friends in their struggles?
- How can you encourage others around you to embrace their weaknesses as opportunities to showcase God's power?

Next week: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10