

Forced into Boasting

2nd Corinthians 11:16-23a
(series #33)

Introduction: the value placed on public speaking

I. Paul's Reluctance to Boast vv. 16-18

- A. He began this thought back in verse 1
- B. He resumes it here in verse 16
- C. His motivation was to protect the Corinthians

II. Paul's Use of Irony to Make His Point vv. 19-21

- A. Sarcasm is rarely a good way to communicate
- B. But Paul knew the Corinthians well
- C. The Corinthians were tolerating spiritual abuse
- D. Paul was too "weak" to do that to them

III. Paul's Transition to his Boasting vv. 22-23a

- A. His credentials as a Jew v. 22
- B. His superiority as a servant of Christ v. 23a

Conclusion: the importance and value the Lord places on genuine, godly leadership