

Credentials of Spiritual Leadership

2nd Corinthians 11:23-33

(series #34)

Introduction: how little we know of Paul from Acts
- Romans 15:19

I. Paul's Sufferings as a Pioneer vv. 23b-27

- A. The overview of Paul's sufferings v. 23b
- B. The specifics of Paul's sufferings vv. 23b-27
 - 1. Beatings from the Jews
 - 2. Beatings from the Romans
 - 3. Stoned nearly to death
 - 4. Three shipwrecks by this time
 - 5. In dangers from all his travels

II. Paul's Sufferings as a Pastor vv. 28-31

- A. His deep concern for the churches v. 28
- Galatians 4:19
- B. His pain when Christians were weak or led into sin v. 29
- C. His boast in his weaknesses v. 30
- 2nd Corinthians 12:7-10
- D. His calling of God as witness v. 31

III. Paul's Sufferings as a Preacher vv. 32-33

- A. He had to be let down a wall in a basket
- B. The story in Acts 9:20-25

Conclusion: by God's grace, Paul has greatly impacted our lives