



2 CORINTHIANS

The Benefit of Inadequacy

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11:21-12:10

“Weak Boasting”

How do you tell your story?

*What do you want the story of your life
to be?*

“Weak Boasting”

1. Making a Way Up or Being Let Down – 11:21-33

“...I am a better one – I am talking like a madmen.”

2. Caught Up to Paradise or Stuck in Thorns – 12:1-10

“... there is nothing to be gained by it”

“Weak Boasting”

1. Making a Way Up or Being Let Down? – 11:21-33

“...I am a better one – I am talking like a madmen.”

“let down in a basket”

“speaking as a fool”

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.”

– Acts 22:3-5

“If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...”

– Philippians 3:4-8

“Weak Boasting”

1. Making a Way Up or Being Let Down? – 11:21-33

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“let down in a basket”

“speaking as a fool”

“often near death”

“Weak Boasting”

2. Caught Up to Paradise or Stuck in Thorns – 12:1-10

“... there is nothing to be gained by it”

*which is more helpful?
caught up with conceit
content with weaknesses*

“When I am weak, then I am strong”