Our Weakness Should Be a Contrast

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- 2 Corinthians 11:17-18 (NIV) In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool. ¹⁸ Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast.
- 2 Corinthians 11:19-20 (NIV) You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! ²⁰ In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face.
- 2 Corinthians 11:22-23a (NIV) Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.

 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more.
- 2 Corinthians 11:23b-24 (NIV) I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.
- 2 Corinthians 11:25 (NIV) Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

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- 2 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV) I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.
- **2 Corinthians 11:30 (NIV)** If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.
- 2 Corinthians 12:1-2 (NIV) I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.
- **2 Corinthians 12:5 (NIV)** I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.
- 2 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV) or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Galatians 4:15b (NIV) I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible.

Galatians 6:11 (NIV) See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV) Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more

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2 Corinthians 12:8-9 CONT'D

gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

