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2 Corinthians 11:22-27

Title: Trouble in my way

Remember:

- Paul (and Jesus) suffered, we all will
- Be hard-headed for the right reason
 - View persecution the right way

Remember as we get into 2 Corinthians 11:22, Paul is “boasting” of his physical lineage as he chastises his readers. They evidently listened to the wrong people.

**Paul's service (2 Corinthians 11:23-27)
included a great deal of peril and
suffering. Remember that we all will
suffer some form of persecution.**

2 Timothy 3:10-12

**He who loses his life for the sake of the
gospel shall find it: Matthew 10:32-39**

**Remember that God had already made
it clear that suffering would be part of
Paul's work: Acts 9:8-20**

**Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, was
ready to die when the time came: Acts
20:17-32**

Consider the number of lashes Paul received (2 Corinthians 11:24). Those came according to the law, from his (physical) brethren.

Deuteronomy 25:1-4

**Being stoned (2 Corinthians 11:25) has a
very different context in our world
today, but Jews literally stoned Paul in
an attempt to kill him: Acts 14:13-20**

**Paul was committed to furthering the
gospel which helped him persevere
through a great of troubles. I mentioned
being hard-headed last week. He was,
but in a good way.**

**Setting your forehead like flint
contextually means being unyielded in
the face of strong opposition. That's a
good thing: Isaiah 50:1-7, Ezekiel 3:1-9**

Whose affairs are you concerned with?

**Who made you a soldier? Keep that
front of mind as we endure trials.**

2 Timothy 2:1-4

**We know that suffering and/or
persecution is a guarantee. What should
we keep in mind?**

**Persecution isn't new, and Jesus gave
the disciples a radical directive:
Matthew 5:10-12, 5:43-48**

**Paul was a persecutor, remember, and
the Lord changed his heart: 1 Timothy
1:12-17**

**Peter and the apostles rejoiced to be
considered worthy of suffering for the
sake of the name: Acts 5:27-41**

We must strengthen and encourage each other. We're outnumbered in this dark world, and no man is an island.

Acts 14:13-22, 1 Peter 5:6-11

**Trials are a guarantee. We should have
foreheads like flint — let's be unyielding
and forthright in the work we do.**

**Since we're all dealing with persecution,
it's important that we continually
encourage other. We're in the body of
Christ, the best family there is, and we
should work together.**