

Lesson X.

PAUL'S SORROWS AND COMFORTS

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2 Corinthians 11 : 21-33.

Study 2 Corinthians 11 : 21 to 12 : 10.

*Scripture Memory

Verses, Luke 10 : 36, 37.

Golden Text—My grace is sufficient for thee : for my power is made perfect in weakness.
—2 Corinthians 12 : 9 (Rev. Ver.).



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30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Je'sus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damas'cus the governor under Ar'etas the king kept the city of the Dam'ascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me :

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

THE LESSON RETOLD

"Our Bible story like moving pictures ! How can that be ?" you say. Just wait till you hear the story, and you will say so, too !

Perhaps you remember that Paul started a church in a city named Corinth. Well, after a while, new teachers got in amongst the church people there. They said Paul had never seen Jesus, and that they had more right to preach than Paul had, because they belonged to the Hebrews who were God's own chosen people. They also said that Paul was a coward. Paul felt very badly because his friends in Corinth were being turned against him, and he made up his mind to tell them

21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit where-insoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

22 Are they He'brews ? so *am* I. Are they Is'raelites ? so *am* I. Are they the seed of A'braham ? so *am* I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more ; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep ;

26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren ;

27 *In* weariness and painfulness, *in* watchings often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fastings often, *in* cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I *am* not weak ? who is offended, and I burn not ?

in a letter all about himself, although he did not like to talk about himself, nor to boast of what he had done.

Then Paul began to show them what we may call "moving pictures" of his life as a missionary. In the first five pictures, Paul is being beaten by the Jews, who used a leather whip with three lashes. In the next three pictures, he is being beaten by his enemies the Romans, who used rods. Next, Paul was being stoned and left for dead at the roadside. Paul was seen three times in shipwrecks. Sometimes he went along the dusty road, weak and weary. There he was wading

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