

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Sermon Scriptures

**2 Cor. 10:1-4** **1** ¶ Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — **I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!** **2** I ask that when I am present I *need* not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us **as if we walked according to the flesh.** **3** For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh,** **4** for the **weapons of our warfare** are not of the flesh, but **divinely powerful** for the destruction of fortresses.

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**2 Cor. 10:9-11** **9** for I do not wish to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters. **10** For they say, “**His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible.**” **11** Let such a person consider this, that **what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons *we are* also in deed when present.**

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**2 Cor. 10:17, 18** **17** But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD. **18** For it is **not he who commends himself** that is approved, but **he whom the Lord commends.**

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**2 Cor. 11:5, 6** **5** For I consider myself **not in the least inferior** to the most eminent apostles. **6** But even **if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not *so* in knowledge; in fact,** in every way we have made *this* evident to you in all things.

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**2 Cor. 11:12-15** **12** ¶ But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those **who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we** are in the matter about which they are boasting. **13** For **such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** **14** No wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** **15** Therefore it is not surprising if **his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.**

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**2 Cor. 11:18, 21, 22** **18** Since many boast according to the flesh, **I will boast also.** **21** To my shame I *must* say that **we have been weak *by comparison.*** ¶ But in whatever respect anyone *else* is bold — **I speak in foolishness — I am just as bold myself.**

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**22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

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**Acts 9:15, 16** **15** But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine,

to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;  
Acts 9:16 for I will show him **how much he must suffer for My name's sake.**"

2 Cor. 11:23 **Are they servants of Christ? — I speak as if insane — I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.**

Acts 16:22-33 22 The crowd rose up together against them, and **the chief magistrates** tore their robes off them and proceeded to **order them to be beaten with rods.** 23 When they had **struck them with many blows**, they **threw them into prison**, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, **threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.** 25 ¶ But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and **the prisoners were listening to them;** 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, **he drew his sword and was about to kill himself**, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**" 31 They said, "**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.**" 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together **with all who were in his house.** 33 And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their wounds, and **immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.**

Acts 21:30-32 30 Then all the city was provoked, and the people rushed together, and **taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple**, and immediately the doors were shut. 31 While they were **seeking to kill him**, a report came up to the commander of the *Roman cohort* that all Jerusalem was in confusion. 32 At once he took along *some* soldiers and centurions and ran down to them; and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, **they stopped beating Paul.**

Acts 9:23, 29 23 ¶ When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together **to do away with him,** 29 And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic *Jews*; but they **were attempting to put him to death.**

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Acts 26:17 rescuing you from the *Jewish* people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

2 Cor. 11:24, 25 24 Five times I received from the Jews *thirty-nine lashes.* 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

**Acts 14:19, 20 19 ¶** But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, **they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.**

**20** But while the disciples stood around him, **he got up** and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

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**2 Cor. 11:26** *I have **been on frequent journeys, in dangers** from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from **my countrymen**, dangers **from the Gentiles**, dangers **in the city**, dangers in **the wilderness**, dangers **on the sea**, dangers **among false brethren**;*

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**2 Cor. 11:27** *I have **been in labor and hardship**, through **many sleepless nights**, in hunger and thirst, **often without food**, in **cold and exposure**.*

**2 Cor. 11:28, 29 28** Apart from *such* external things, there is **the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches**.

**29** Who is weak **without my being weak**? Who is led into sin **without my intense concern**?

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