



What's Next?

Make a Difference — May 2nd, 2021

We all want to make a difference in the lives of the people around us. However, life seems to easily get in the way. We get tired, jaded, and worn out, and eventually it begins to feel like we're spending all our energy just treading water and not actually having an impact. Paul is an excellent example of someone who had an incredible impact through his ministry and never seemed to let the grind of day-to-day life get in the way of his calling. He used his gifts well — so well, in fact, that he encountered all kinds of opposition. Nevertheless, he took advantage of every opportunity to spread the gospel and connect people with Jesus.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:23b-29

Discuss:

- 1 Do you feel like you could go through as many difficulties as Paul faced and remain strong in your calling? Why or why not?
- 2 What do you feel like gets in the way of your ability to make a difference? What can you do about that?
- 3 Are you making the kind of impact today that people would want to kill you for, as Paul did? What holds Christians back from having that kind of impact today?
- 4 What opportunities might God be calling you to take advantage of to make a difference in your context?
- 5 What does this passage communicate about the heart of God?