

“Battered But Not Beaten” By Kirk Hunt

*Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times
I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep*
2 Corinthians 11:25 NKJV

There is a big difference between battered and beaten. History is full of stories about individuals, groups and nations that refused to be beaten. Despite the odds, bruises or body counts, they stood in determination and defiance. They won, despite the cost.

Paul was not itemizing his (mis-)adventures for pride or sympathy. The Apostle was trying to illustrate his determination to build the Kingdom of God. In defiance off the enemy of our souls, paul refused to let little things betrayal or brutality to stop him from fully serving God.

They may be bigger or badder. Still, imagine the frustration on their faces when they realize that however much they can batter your mind or body, they cannot beat you.

They cannot beat you because God’s favor and empowerment allows you to persevere. It may get rough and difficult but He will carry you through. Through God, your determination and defiance against the enemy of our souls will carry you to victory.

Despite His grace, do not lead with your chin. Start out following the least costly route to success. Just remember that He has your victory, no matter how licks you have to take.

Think: No matter how I am battered, God will not let me be beaten.

Pray: “Lord, help me to know Your victory despite the difficulties.”

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