



# 2 Corinthians Ch 11

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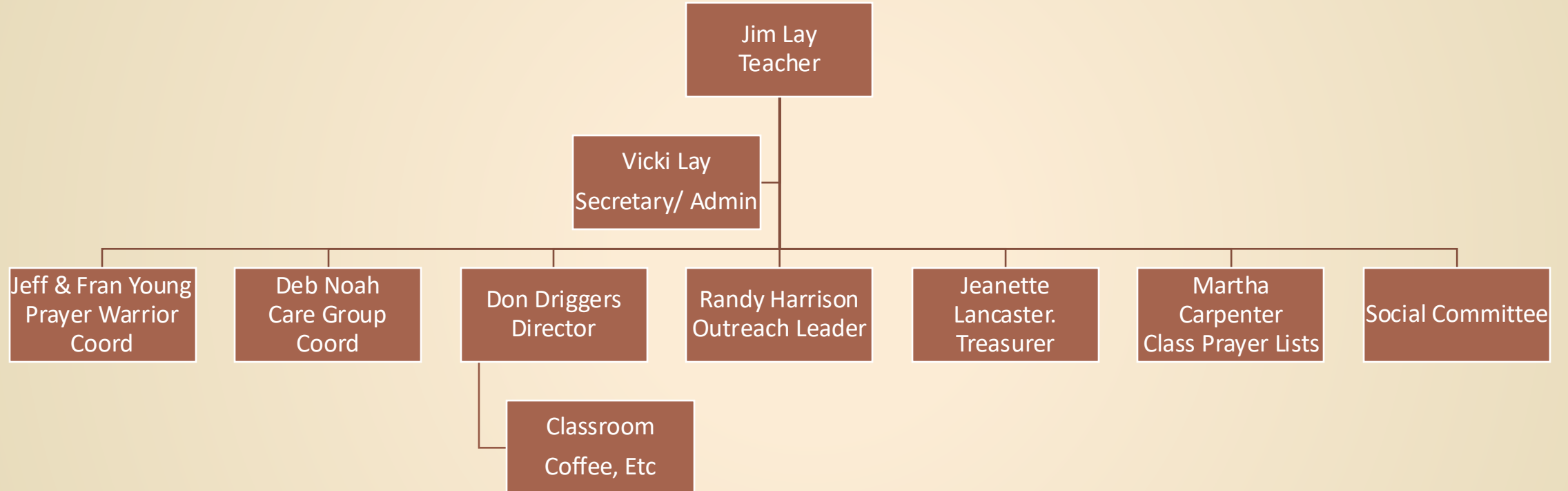
**Module 5, Room 1**



# Before we get started, I have a few Admin items

- All the Teachers in FRC had a meeting with the Pastors this past Wednesday night about 2 subjects.
  - **Ongoing and future requirements for Connection Groups and Teachers**
    - Re-commit to policies and critical missions for a class at FRC
    - Begin to search for possible new Connection Group leaders in all phases
  - **Review and update on the new building** and where we will be housed, not specifically but generally the size of the classrooms.
    - Ample sizes for current and new classes. 17 in 9:30 now and 11 in 11:00, almost double in the new facility
  - Growth is expected to continue and has been planned for in terms of space, but now in terms of staff we need to begin
- Connection Group Organization

# Logos Connection Class Organization



# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 14, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 7*
- ✓ *July 21, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 8*
- ✓ *July 28, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 9*
- ✓ *Aug 4, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 10*
- ✓ *Aug 11, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 11*
- *Aug 18, 2004. - 2 Cor Ch 12*
- *Aug 25, 2005. - 2 Cor Ch 13 & wrap*

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *Israel has eliminated 3 top Hamas and Hezbollah leaders (only claimed 2)*
- *Two in Lebanon and one in Tehran*
- *Iran has promised a retaliatory attack this weekend. **Expect bigger than last time.***
- *Israel and the US are moving forces in anticipation. Prayerfully they are prepared with God's intervention and plan*

## *US/World*

- *The Olympics mocking of Christians and God shows the extent of Evil in the World*
- *Hostage exchange between the West and Russia*
- *The terms are not clear yet, but a major Russian assassin is included*
- *Election rhetoric back up*
- *Kamala Harris wins advanced vote before convention to be nominee, no VP pick yet*
- *About 90 days until election, Early voting starts 3 weeks earlier*
- *Pray for Truth to be evident and for evil to be at bay*
- *But understand that God is in Control, and no person or party will save us, only faith in Jesus Christ.*

# Overall Outline of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

## The Comfort of God Ch 1-7

- Introduction – Ch 1:1,2
- Comfort for Life's Plans - Ch 1:3-24
- Comfort in the restoration of sinning saint – Ch 2
- Comfort in the glorious ministry of Christ – Ch 3
- Comfort in the ministry of suffering for Christ – Ch 4
- Comfort in the ministry of martyrdom for Christ – Ch 5
- Comfort in all circumstances – Ch 6
- Comfort in the Heart of Paul – Ch 7

## Christian Giving – Ch 8-9

- Examples, Exhortation, *Explanation, and Encouragement*

## *The Calling of the Apostle Paul* – Ch 10-13

✓ *Spiritual War, Man of God* – Ch 10

✓ **Loyalty and Apostleship** – Ch 11

- Apostles, Pastors, Uniqueness – Ch 12
- Pattern of Sanctification – Ch 13:1-10
- Benediction – Ch 13:12-14



# 2 Cor Ch 10 Chapter 10 Key Points

*Paul has addressed those who opposed him at Corinth*

- *He has determined to forcefully combat them if needed when he comes again (about 2 weeks after the Letter)*
- *He has reiterated his own desires, qualifications, and authority*
- *He knows that they are not gone but underground awaiting him and the battle is physical, emotional, and spiritual and he is determined to use the tools the Father has given him to fight.*

➤ *Prayer, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit*

*We know that we all want as our Epitaph that we fought the good fight, ran the race the Lord laid out for us, and finished the race*

***Well done, my good and faithful servant***

## 2 Cor Ch 11:1-2     Paul and the False Apostles

***11** I hope you will put up with me in **a little foolishness**. Yes, please put up with me!*

***2** I am jealous **for you** with a **godly jealousy**. **I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.***

***3 But I am afraid** that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, **your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.***



# Foolishness and Satan's plans

*The Greek term **Aprhosynēs** translated “foolishness” or “fool” is used often in these verses and I want to take a moment to explain it.*

- It means having a **lack of sense, lack of good judgment, acting like a fool...Stupidity, or a lack of common sense.** Paul viewed his building himself up to the Corinthians as a wasted effort and a waste of his time and their time, so he did not do it.*

*Stepping back a bit,*

- Satan started his attacks on Christianity in Jerusalem by using the Jewish Sanhedrin to try and cancel it, but that failed.*
- He then tried to scatter them, but that simply increased the church and spread it across the world, but that failed,*
- Then he tried to raise up opposition in the countries, aided by the Romans, to this new faith and kill it off, but that failed too...and the martyrs of the early church were like seeds for new believers to grow from.*
- As that failed locally, Satan went after those teaching this new faith, like Paul, Peter, John, and all the apostles. He did this by “joining” the church and trying to destroy it from within. **This is still the method used today to great harm to the church.***

## 2 Cor Ch 11:4-6. *False Apostles*

<sup>4</sup> For if someone comes to you and *preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached*, or if you receive a *different spirit from the Spirit you received*, or a *different gospel* from the one you accepted, **you put up with it easily enough.**

<sup>5</sup> I do not think I am in the **least inferior to those “super-apostles.”**

<sup>6</sup> I may indeed be **untrained as a speaker**, *but I do have knowledge.*

*We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.*

## 2 Cor Ch 11:7-9 *Not a Burden to Them*

*<sup>7</sup> Was it a sin for me to **lower myself in order to elevate you** by preaching the gospel of God to you **free of charge**?*

*<sup>8</sup> I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you.*

*<sup>9</sup> And when I was with you and needed something, I was **not a burden to anyone**, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed.*

*I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so.*

## 2 Cor Ch 11:10-11. *Compelled to Speak*

***10** As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine.*

***11** Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!*

## 2 Cor Ch 11:12-15

***<sup>12</sup> And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.***

***<sup>13</sup> For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ.***

***<sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.***

***<sup>15</sup> It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.***

## 2 Cor Ch 11:16-21A Holy Sarcasm Batman!

***16 I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting.***

***17 In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool.***

***18 Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast.***

***19 You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise!***

***20 In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face.***

***21 To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that!***



## 2 Cor Ch 11:21B-31 ...Paul tells of his troubles

*Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about.*

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

***23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.***

***24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. (punishment of the Jews)***

***25 Three times I was beaten with rods (punishment of the Romans), once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,***

***26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.***

***27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.***

***28 Besides everything else (external), I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.***

***29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?***

***30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things **that show my weakness.*****

## 2 Cor Ch 11:30-33      *He Is Strong in My Weakness*

*<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.*

*<sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.*

*<sup>32</sup> In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me.*

*<sup>33</sup> But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.*

## 2 Cor Ch 11...Some Thoughts

- *Paul never wanted to build up himself, only to build up and encourage the new believers*
- *Because he did not do that, he appeared weak to those who only looked at the external braggadocio of the false teachers*
- *Paul recounts his credentials and his desire to only focus on Christ and His Word to them...He uses some sarcasm about “weakness” to show that in his supposed weaknesses, God has made him strong and true.*
- *Finally, he recounts his hardships and it begs the question of who is more committed to the Lord...Paul or the newcomers who acted like royalty and expected special treatment*

*It is a sobering comparison to all who serve to see ourselves and our complaints in light of Paul's difficult journey*

# Next Week

- *Read 2 Cor Ch 12, and come back to discuss*
- *Pray for God to move in the US, protect Israel, and the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*  
*Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery*
- *Be thankful that God has placed you in this day and time and commit your will to doing His Will.*
- *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
- *Pray for each of us to take our role seriously in the coming storm*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*