2 Corinthians Series: “Learning to Lean on God”

“Real Servants of God”                                      David Owens
2 Corinthians 6:3-13                                          3.14.10

Introduction:
A. Unfortunately, throughout time there have always been many _______ and _______ followers of Jesus.
B. The apostle Paul was the _______ _______.
C. Let’s aspire to be _______ ____________ of God.

I. Understanding the Word
A. Paul pointed their attention, and ours, to a triumphant word that characterized his service to God - ______________.
B. The first grouping points to the __________ conflicts of the Christian life.
C. The second grouping points to the __________ tribulations he endured.
D. The third grouping of Paul’s trials involves his _______ to _________ as a Christian.
E. In verses 6 and 7, Paul turned their attention away from trials toward his God-given __________ for Christian service.
F. Paul completed this lyrical passage with a series of __________.
G. Keep in mind that the ultimate goal of Paul’s appeal for them to open their hearts to him is not the desire for renewed feelings toward him as a ________, but a renewed ________ in the gospel the he preached and embodies.

II. Applying the Word
A. First, We should be ready and willing to _____ any ________ to be real servants of God.
B. Second, We should be depending on the __________ and __________ of God to give us the endurance needed.
C. Third, We should be motivated by the fact that others are __________ us and that our _________ of being real servants of God can have a huge impact on others.
D. Inspired by the story of _______ __________.