

Discovered: 2nd letter by Paul to Corinth church

- We suffer much w/ Christ but share in His comfort.
- They were persecuted in Asia & they expected to die but were delivered.
- Paul did not visit after Macedonia but just as you trust Jesus you can trust in me - God is consistent.
- Paul did not visit & wrote a letter bc he did not want discipline & rebuke to make the visit painful.
- Forgive & Comfort those who have done wrong - so they are not swallowed by grief.
- Paul went to Troas but left to go to Macedonia
- Christ uses us to spread knowledge of Him.
- Our suffering comes from God, not ourselves.
- In Christ, we are given freedom; the veil has been lifted - we belong to new covenant not the old one.
- We will not change God's word, but will speak honestly → we will be a light in the darkness sharing the glory of God.
- We might be attacked but never destroyed - our suffering celebrates Jesus' suffering & magnifies Him & brings salvation.
- Even though we may suffer on outside, our soul is being renewed daily.
- We walk by faith on Earth even when we would rather be home w/ Lord. We should aim to please Him for we will all face judgement for our actions.
- Christ died for everyone & in Christ we are a new creation. We are ambassadors for Christ. Today is a day of Salvation, don't hesitate.
- Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.
- Our bodies are a temple for living God, we must remove the things that defile our body & our spirit.
- Paul had nothing but joy for the Corinthians.
- God comfort us.
- Paul regretted the harshness in his 1st letter but it needed to be said → glad they were grieved into repenting
- Take example from Macedonia churches - give generously.
- Paul was sending Titus & another to Corinth to assist in collecting the gifts (gifts be collected w/ highest integrity)
- Paul urges them to begin collecting so it was a gift & not forced by his presence.
- When we give generously, we are rewarded.
- Paul defended himself, that he would enforce discipline when he visited but there was time to repent.
- While Paul lived in the physical world, he would use divine arguments to challenge opposing strongholds.
- We need to take captive wrong/false thoughts.
- Paul reminded that he was not a hypocrite w/ his words & letters versus his physical actions.
- Boast not in your work, but of the Lord's work. Content is more important than fancy words.
- To deter superiority Paul would not accept support while serving specific churches but accepted while serving others.
- Paul was a true servant of Christ for he suffered for Christ: beatings, imprisonments & yet despite his suffering, he worried about the churches.
- If we must boast - we need to boast of our weaknesses.
- Paul downplays his role but tells of a man (him) who was given visions & revelations from God but to prevent him from being conceited, he was given a thorn (physical ailment) → even when Paul asked to have it taken from him 3 times, God said no, my Grace is enough - my power is revealed in your weakness.
- I am not inferior to those super-apostles for you have seen me perform miracles.
- Paul is preparing to visit for a 3rd time, he warned them that time for warning is coming to a close & time for punishment for those astray is near.

Help me to remember:

my character & my actions need to reflect you, regardless of what trials I am facing.

Lord, I ask that

when I am under attack, you help me keep my focus on You and not what the enemy says.

- Examine your own behavior - how is your faith? Reject wrong & do what is right.
- The goal: rejoice, seek forgiveness, comfort others, live in harmony regarding beliefs & seek peace.
↳ Do these things & God's love & peace will be with you.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
 Your Grace. I am glad that it is complete & that it covers everything.