

## The Life and Letters of Paul

### 2 Corinthians 1

The letter to the Church of Corinth is said to have penned 6-12 after the previous letter due to the fact that they were still facing serious problems such as false teachings, ongoing divisions and personal attacks against Paul. (-A Painful Visit- 2 Corinthians 2:1)

1. Paul knew his calling was not from man but also knew that to be received by man there would need to be a someone to vouch for timothy as it was once done for Paul. (the reason he adds Timothy to this letter to God's Church)

2 Corinthians 1:1-2/ 1 Corinthians 16:10-Into to Timothy/ Acts 9:26-27- Barnabus advocate for Saul

2. There are many times when we are faced with a trial and don't know how we will be able to get through but because of his mercy you do, Paul speak on the Comfort God supplies being the source (you have that source today.

2 Corinthians 1:3/ Isaiah 40:1, Isaiah 51:3,12, Isaiah 66:13- God of Comfort/ John 14:26- Holy Spirit (comforter)

3. God will take our test and turn them into testimonies, brining hope to the hopeless and using us to come along side another person when they are face with tribulation.

2 Corinthians 1:4/ Genesis 50:2-turning harm into help/

4. When we came to Christ we have been set apart from the world and there is now conflict between what you know of Christ and the way the world works. Rest assured that the Lord will comfort you in this.

2 Corinthians 1:5-7/ Genesis 3:15- speaks on a conflict to come (MSG- War)

5. Paul shares some trials they faced where he though death would have the final say so, this is when he came to the realization that they would rely on God in that time and from then on. Do you have trouble relying on God in times of Adversity?

2 Corinthians 1:8-11/ Acts 14:19-20- They stoned Paul/ 2 Timothy 4:17- rescued me/Philippians 1:21- live and die/

6. Do you as a believer live a life that a straightforward example of holiness, where there is no need for interpretation and do you live this because man has set a standard or simply for Jesus? (Let you walk from a mile away)

ho·li·ness-total devotion to God"

2 Corinthians 1:12-14/Philippians 1:27-As Citizens of Heaven we must conduct ourselves as such

7. Would you see yourself as an individual who says what you mean and does what you say or could duplicity be found in you? It is noticeable by your living, proof in the pudding sort of speak.

2 Corinthians 1:17-20/Matthew 5:37- Jesus yes and no/ Galatians 5:19,22-the results are very clear

8. Paul was able to walk his walk because he was confident of who enabled, commissioned and identified him. We can draw from this example when we begin to waver in seasons.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22/Matthew 28:18-21-Jesus commissioned/ Philippians 1:6- And I am certain that God, who began the good work

9. There may be times that even when we know what is right and where someone else is wrong it is not the time to speak. Are you good at holding it in? (Paul was upset but held on to it)

2 Corinthians 1:23/1 Corinthians 5:1-Sin Paul was mad about (worse than pagans) /Galatians 6:1-humbly help that person back

10. When we want to see growth in a believer, we should come alongside them and show them how not just tell them of the wrongdoing,

2 Corinthians 1:24/Joshua 6:10- don't speak till the Lord says so.