

Series "Fixed On 66"
"2 Corinthians"
Book-47

Key Passage: 2 Corinthians 4:1,6

God was using Paul in an awesome way, **1 Corinthians 16:9** (3 Years in Ephesus that all of Asia heard the gospel).

With "Opportunities" Comes "Opposition."

In **1 Corinthians**, we are looking at **The Corinthians**. In **2 Corinthians** we are looking at **The Apostle Paul**.

This letter is autobiographical. Paul is exposing his heart to his readers.

The Background: Paul had written **1 Corinthians** because he had been informed of problems within the fellowship. Then, there were questions that were asked. A period of time went by, and some false teachers crept in, accusing Paul of being in the ministry for money; he was really not an apostle.

Paul made the 200-mile trip by the Aegean Sea, but it was fruitless.

2 Corinthians 2:1

Paul then wrote a strong letter and sent it with Titus, and after some time, Titus returned and said that the letter was received and repentance took place.

2 Corinthians 2:4

There were pockets of resistance, so Paul then wrote **2 Corinthians**. It was to address some questions that were leveled against him personally.

Who Planted the Church? Paul the apostle did this after a shattering experience in Athens. **Acts 18:1-18** He spent 18 months there. He visited again on his 3rd missionary trip **Acts 20:2-3**.

The Author: 2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

When Written: Winter 56 AD

Where it was Written - The location: Paul was in Macedonia and wrote from Philippi (**2 Corinthians 7:5-6**).

Purpose: Paul wrote to let the believers know why he was suffering in Asia there in Ephesus. (**1:3-11**) why Paul changed his plans. The ministry of grace.

1. Why was Paul having so many problems in the ministry?
2. Why did he change his travel plans?
3. Why was his ministry so different from the false teachers?
4. Why was he receiving an offering?
5. Why was Paul so silent about his spiritual accomplishments?

Theme: *"Power Out of Weakness"* It is standing firm in the faith.

Key Words: "God" 91 times, "Glory" 38 times, "Comfort" Encouragement is used in one form or another 29 times. "Boast" or "Glory" 20 times, "Grace" 19 times.

Key Chapter/Chapters: 2 Corinthians 8-9 The most comprehensive chapters on giving in the Bible.

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Outline:

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2 Corinthians 1-5 Paul's Explanation of His Ministry:

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11 Paul was Misunderstood: Paul had promised to visit them.

Charges Against Paul:

1. Paul was coming to visit them by a different route than he had told them: (Not a man of his word) 1 Corinthians 16:5 Macedonia.
2. Paul had assured them of a speedy visit, he now delays.
3. Paul was now telling them to forgive the very one that they were told to deliver over to Satan: 1 Corinthians 5 Paul had told them to put him out. Now Paul is saying accept him back!

2 Corinthians 1:12-22 A Clear Conscience: 2 Corinthians 1:12

2 Corinthians 2:5-11 A Forgiving Heart: 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

This is a reference to 1 Corinthians 5. The man who was committing incest with his stepmother. The church had implemented Church discipline, and the man repented. They would not welcome him back.

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18 The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ:

2 Corinthians 3:1-5 This is the Spirit versus the flesh! Paul is in outer amazement at the adequacy of Jesus Christ. That ministry is beyond every person that would be used by God.

When David accepted the challenge of Goliath **1 Samuel 17:38-39**

2 Corinthians 3:6, 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; (Deity of the Holy Spirit)

(Salvation) and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

There is freedom; there is liberation. Freedom from the Law, freedom to live holy. No longer bound but free to live!

Ephesians 5:18-21 says the Spirit-filled person is **Joyful, thankful, and submissive.**

2 Corinthians 3:18 beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, The **mirror** - *is the Word of God.* When we read the Word, we see Jesus.

(Transformation) are being transformed into the same image This word **transformed** - *English word metamorphosis is a transliteration of this Greek word. Metamorphosis describes the process that changes an insect from a caterpillar to a cocoon and then a butterfly. (an insect or amphibian)*

from glory to glory, Moses' glory was external, but ours is internal and can be seen externally. We take on Christlikeness; we resemble the Lord.

"The Law can bring us to Christ, but only grace can make us like Christ!"

just as from the Lord, the Spirit. Everyone who would trust Jesus and become born again is in the process of being transformed into His image.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 A Glorious Ministry:

The way you look at your ministry helps to determine how you will fulfill it.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

Paul rejected three faulty areas of motivation of the false teachers:

- 1. but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame,**
"to be ashamed, to handle with unclean hands." We can speak the truth but be living a lie!

2. not walking in craftiness – *“The fisherman that uses bait to lure away a fish, to do whatever one please to achieve a certain goal.”* **“The End Justifies the Means!” Cater to the carnal sinful nature to bring them, win them.**

3. or adulterating the word of God, the word **adulterating** – *“deceiving, to make corrupt.”* *“Lies, half-truths, mixture, little truth with a big lie!”*

2 Corinthians 4:3 Why is the gospel veiled? It’s because sinners have rejected the truth, and Satan has blinded their minds.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 The Treasure in A Jar: 2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 What Happens When I Die? 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21 The Love and Calling of God:
2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

2 Corinthians 6-9 Paul’s Exhortation To The Church:

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Hardships of The Ministry:
2 Corinthians 6:3-10**

A.W. Tozer said, **“It is doubtful God can use a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply!”**

**2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1 The Christian Separation:
2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Genuine Repentance: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

2 Corinthians 8-9 Giving God’s Way:

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 The Example in Giving: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

**2 Corinthians 8:10-24 The Encouragement in Giving:
2 Corinthians 8:11-12**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 The Effects in Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

2 Corinthians 10-13 Paul's Vindication Of His Apostleship:

Now Paul must defend the authenticity of his apostleship.

2 Corinthians 10-13 Paul's Authority.

Paul's apostleship was being challenged by the false teachers.

Why is Paul's Apostleship so important? That if Paul is not a called messenger from God, then his message is not from God either.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 The Secret Weapon: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

2 Corinthians 10:7-18 Paul, The Real Thing: 2 Corinthians 10:10-18

2 Corinthians 11:1-15 Sincere Service:

2 Corinthians 11:16-33 The Cost of Love: 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Privilege and Pain: Paul's thorn in his flesh.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Faith and Practice:

2 Corinthians 13:1-14 Admonition:

2 Corinthians 13:5-7 Be Sure That You Are Saved:

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

If you are truly saved and pass that test, you will also acknowledge that Paul is in Christ!

2 Corinthians 13:8-10 Be Obedient to God's Word:

2 Corinthians 13:8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth.

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Be Mature in Your Faith:

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Application:

1. "Power Out Of Weakness" God Loves Broken Things. God Loves To Show His Power Thru Our Weakness. God Will Show Himself Sufficient In Every Need And Thru Every Situation:
2. The Law Can Bring Us To Christ But Only Grace Can Make Us Like Christ: **2 Corinthians 3:18 are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**
3. The Way We Look At Our Ministry Helps To Determine How We Will Fulfill It. If We Look At Serving Christ As A Burden Instead Of A Privilege, We Will Be A Drudge And Do Only What Is Required Of Us:
4. There Will Be Hardships of The Ministry. A.W. Tozer said, "It Is Doubtful God Can Use A Man Greatly Until He Has Hurt Him Deeply!"