

Lesson 1 - 2 Corinthians 1



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 1:12-20

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 1: 21-24

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 1 Review

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: "All Christians are called saints. not just those especially devout. This epistle is addressed to those of us who call upon the name of Jesus, as well as to the church that was in Corinth."

The Romans had made Corinth the capital of Achaia. Corinth was a thriving trade center because of its seaport. Unfortunately it also became known as one of the most immoral cities in the area. The name itself means Corinth = "satiated"

Paul started most of his letters with the greeting of Grace and Peace. Remember, there is no peace until you personally experience the grace of God in your life.

1. How does Paul identify himself in verse 1 and by what authority?

Paul was not an apostle because a bunch of people decided he should be, and he was not anticipating he would be an apostle. He was called to be an apostle by Jesus Christ Himself, it was by the will of God. Although the Corinthian Christians thought poorly of Paul, it did not lessen or change the fact that this is what God called him to do.

2. What are some things we know we are called to according to the Scriptures.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - b. Ephesians 4:1
 - c. 1 Peter 2:20-21

Paul experienced great suffering, persecution and opposition in his ministry. He even struggled with a physical infirmity of his eyes, but through it all he affirmed and acknowledge God's faithfulness. Paul's letter is a reminder, and encouragement to the believers in Corinth, and to us, that God is the God of comfort when we go through hard times. Paul writes that God is the "Father of mercies"--that is, He is the SOURCE of all mercies.

3. What are we to learn from the comfort we receive from God? (v4)

Every one goes through trials and sufferings. God comforts Christians but that does not mean the suffering or trial will stop.

4. What reason does Paul give for suffering in verses 5 and 6?

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

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Digging Deeper

Commentary: “Even though the resurrection is a future event, there is a sense in which it is every day for suffering Christians. It is as we know the power of His resurrection that we also can be blessed by the fellowship of His sufferings. (Philippians 3:10).”¹

Asia is a vast area, South Asia, North and East Asia, and West Asia. West Asia includes Israel, Greece, Jordan, Iran, Iraq and many others. This is just an interesting side note: Russia, Turkey, Cyprus, Georgia, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan are geographically Asian, but are considered European for political purposes.

1. Why does Paul tell the Corinthians, and us, about his trouble in Asia? (v 8-10)

We don't know exactly which troubles Paul is referring to in verse 8; it could have been events spoken of in Acts 19:23-41 or 1 Cor. 15:31-32. What we do know is Paul says they were crushed and overwhelmed beyond **their** ability to endure it, and they thought they would never live through it.

2. How did Paul get through those times? (v 9-11)
3. Have you ever felt like Paul; crushed, overwhelmed beyond your ability to endure? If so, consider sharing your experience in small group-it might encourage someone.
4. How has God comforted you in the midst of troubles? How have you been able to comfort others because of those trials?

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 1:12-20

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Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

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Digging Deeper

Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church was one of correction and rebuke for their compromising ways. Some repented and returned to walking with the Lord, others only became cynical. Those who opposed Paul accused him of being fickle and unreliable, of living for his own interest. They believed Paul had selfish motives and was out for personal gain and power, that he was not a man of his word. Paul planned a second visit to Corinth but he had good reason to change those plans (2 Cor 2:1-2). How unfortunate that in a portion of this letter Paul has to defend his integrity, and authority as an Apostle of Jesus Christ to those cynics within the church. "In Paul's life there were no hidden actions, no hidden motives and no hidden meanings." (Barclay) He was who he said he was. His 'yes' meant 'yes' and his 'no' meant 'no'. He was a man of integrity with no compromise or apology. He stood firm and confident in his identity with Christ.

1. Paul very confidently states in verse 12 with a clear conscience that they lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all their dealings. Now consider your walk; can you say the same thing? Explain your answer and if you have a scripture reference to support your answer write that as well.

2. Read 2 Cor. 1:23-2:4. Read different versions if you need to and summarize what reason and explanation Paul gives for his change of travel plans?

3. Read verses 19-20 and explain what Paul means and what you learned.

How grateful we ought to be for the unchanging Word of God! Often it takes trouble and trial in our lives before we claim and trust the promises of God. We make plans, but God overrules them. We make promises and are not always able to keep them. But in Christ, all the promises of God's Word find their fulfillment, and in Him we have the power to claim these promises for ourselves and our situation.²

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 1:21-24

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Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

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Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

Read 2 Corinthians 1***Digging Deeper***

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Pray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.