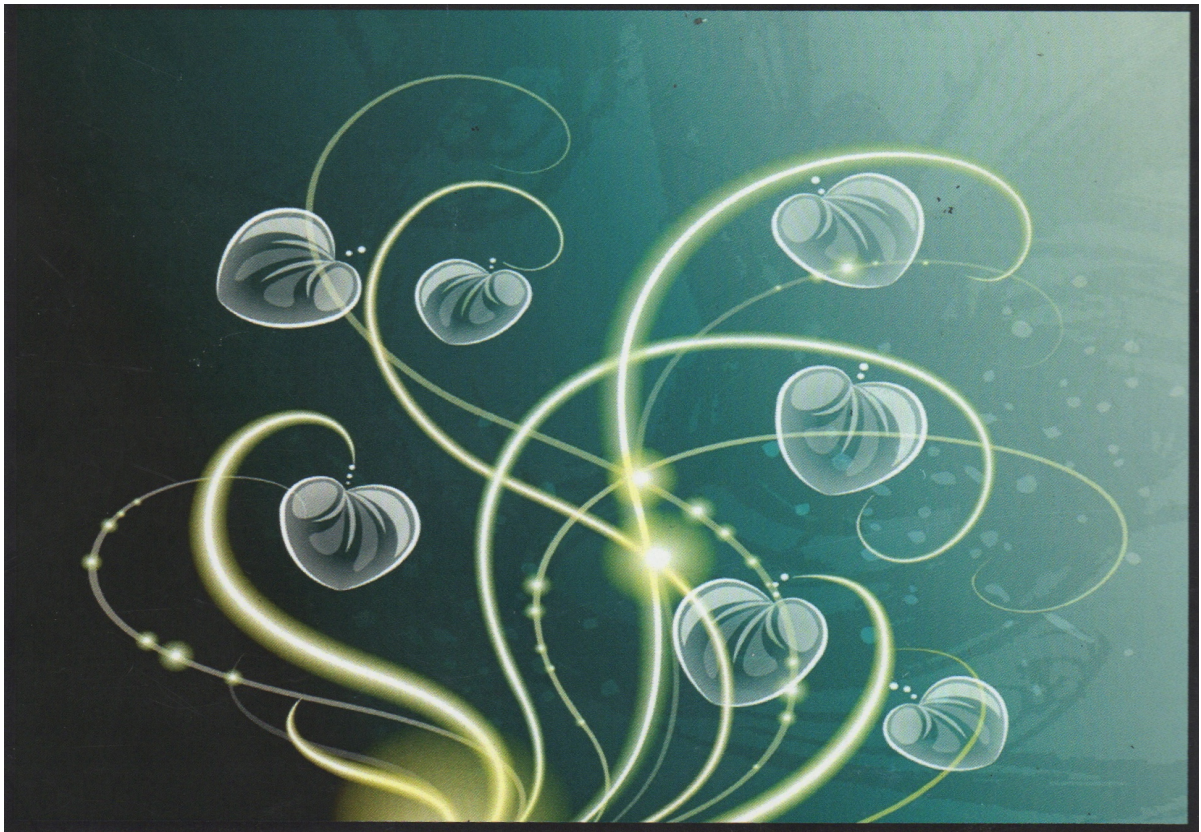




*A Study Through the Book of
II Corinthians*

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Heart2Heart Women's Ministry is dedicated to: equip, edify, and exhort women to walk closer with our Lord Jesus; encourage each woman to that place of ministry to which God has called her; and that she will know why she believes what she believes.

Equip ~

"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12)

Edify ~

"For the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12,13)

"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." (Romans 14:19)

Exhort ~

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." (Philippians 1:27)

"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 1:3)

“THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE
UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE MOST
GLORIOUS TREASURE ANY OF YOU COULD EVER HAVE.
BECAUSE THAT'S ETERNAL LIFE.”
~PASTOR CHUCK SMITH

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:2
“YOU ARE OUR EPISTLE WRITTEN IN OUR HEARTS,
KNOWN AND READ BY ALL MEN”



HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**” (II Timothy 2:15)

Prayer is a key factor to any study in God’s Word, so always begin your study with prayer. A prayer point is found at the top of the page for each day. John 14:26 says the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things...” so remember to ask for His help and understanding.

New King James Version (NKJV) was used for developing the questions found in this study but encourage you to read other versions for greater understanding and clarity.

Step 1 *Look in God’s Word* – Observation: We encourage you to read the passage from your own Bible as well, paying close attention to the cross references cited (see Step 4). As you read:

- Take notice of facts, and keep the context of the passage in mind.
- Read the passage through at least two times.
- Underline or highlight a verse or phrase that stands out to you the most, or ministered to your heart.

Steps 2 through 5 are intended to help you focus on establishing a deeper relationship with the Lord.

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

Interpretation- Know it, “To observe well is to interpret well.” Draw understanding from the text don’t read meaning into it. Always remember that Scripture will never contradict itself. Use your cross references often.

John 16:15 Jesus said “...the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

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

As a student of God’s Word it is important that we know how to study and use our Bibles. This portion of the study will help you gain deeper understanding of the verses you read. A “cross-reference is simply a list of other relevant verses linked by a common thought, word, topic, or expression.”

- Write any cross-reference associated with the verse or verses that ministered to you.
- Summarize what the cross-reference says.

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

Examination- This is a time to really examine your heart and ask the Lord to reveal those areas in your life that He wants to change in order to transform your character into His image.

Psalm 139:23- 24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.”

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

Application- How will I respond and what will I do differently? Pinpoint what God is saying to you personally from the passage. Is He asking you to do something? Change something? Give up something?

Romans 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

2 Timothy 3:16,17 “All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness.

Theme – Write a theme or title that you think best describes the main point or ‘bottom line’ of the passage.

Digging Deeper – This section is designed to include some definitions, biblical terms, customs, commentary or historical facts and questions.

OVERVIEW OF 2 Corinthians

Title:	The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians/ 2 Corinthians
Author:	Paul the Apostle
When:	Written approx. A.D 54-57
Written to:	The Church in Corinth, mostly a gentile church.
Why?	Paul expressed his thanksgiving for the repentance within the church in Corinth following his first letter, as well as defending his conduct, character and calling as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
Location	Paul wrote this letter while he was in Macedonia
World History	Birth of the great Roman historian Tacitus, probably in Rome. Nero expels actors from Rome and dictates reforms of circuses and festivals. Missionary journeys of Paul the Apostle (A.D. 34–60). Jews revolt against Rome. China's Eastern Han dynasty emperor Guangwudi (Kuang wu-ti) dies after a 32-year reign.
Key Chapter and Verses	2 Corinthians 8 and 9 2 Corinthians 4:5, 6 and 5:17-19
The Message	A powerful reminder to the Christians in Corinth that this Christian life is all about Jesus.

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2 Corinthians 1:22

“..who also has sealed us and
given us the Spirit in our hearts
as a guarantee.”