



# Great Oaks' Season of Prayer

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>



Bria  
Douglas

Baptized  
Into  
Christ



Heather  
Vandiver

Baptized  
Into  
Christ



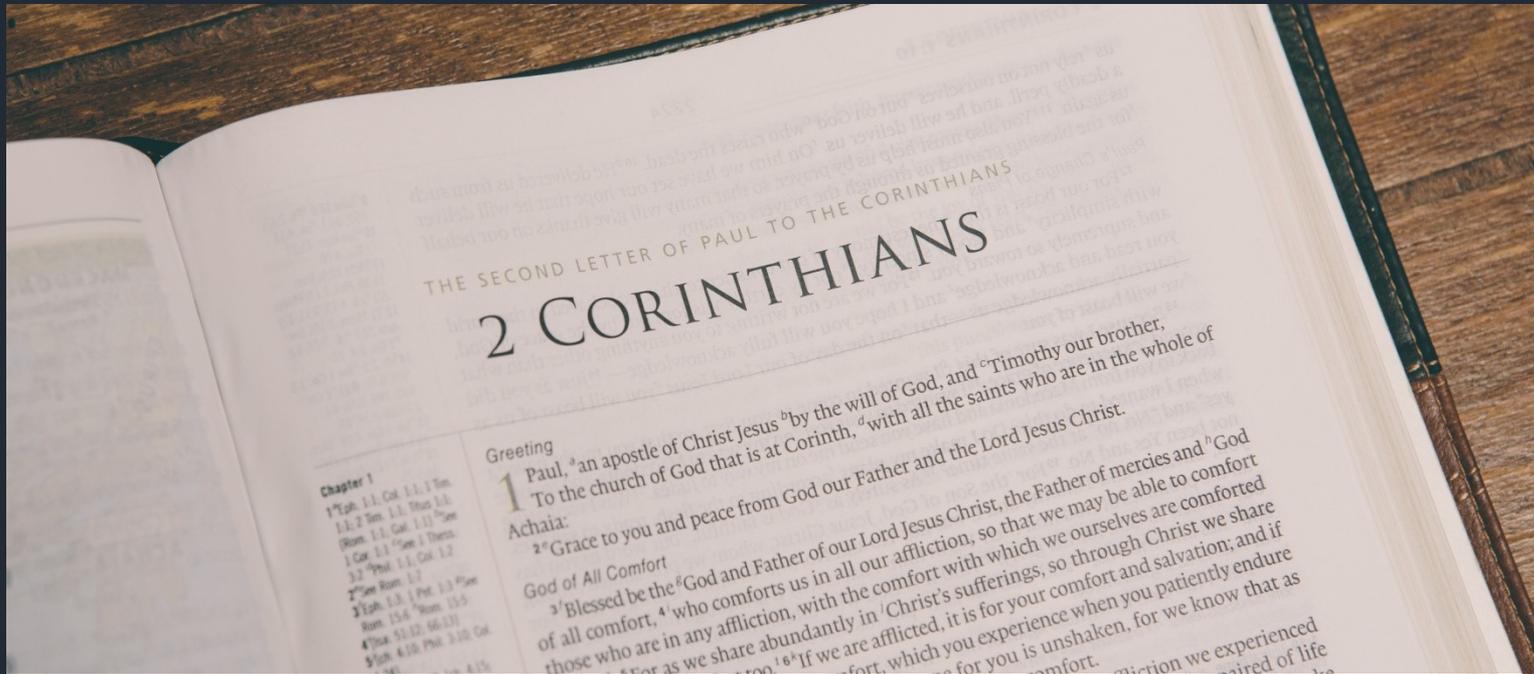
Charlie  
Wyatt

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# Transformation Through Trials

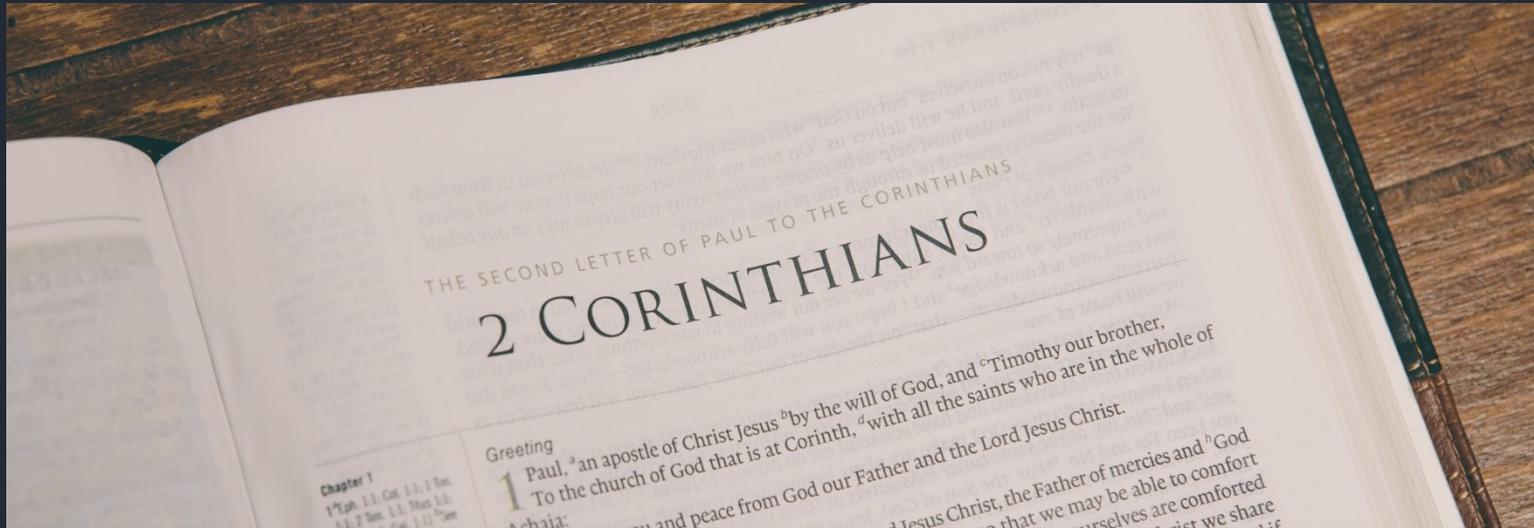
*2 Corinthians*

# Beginning a Walk Through 2 Corinthians



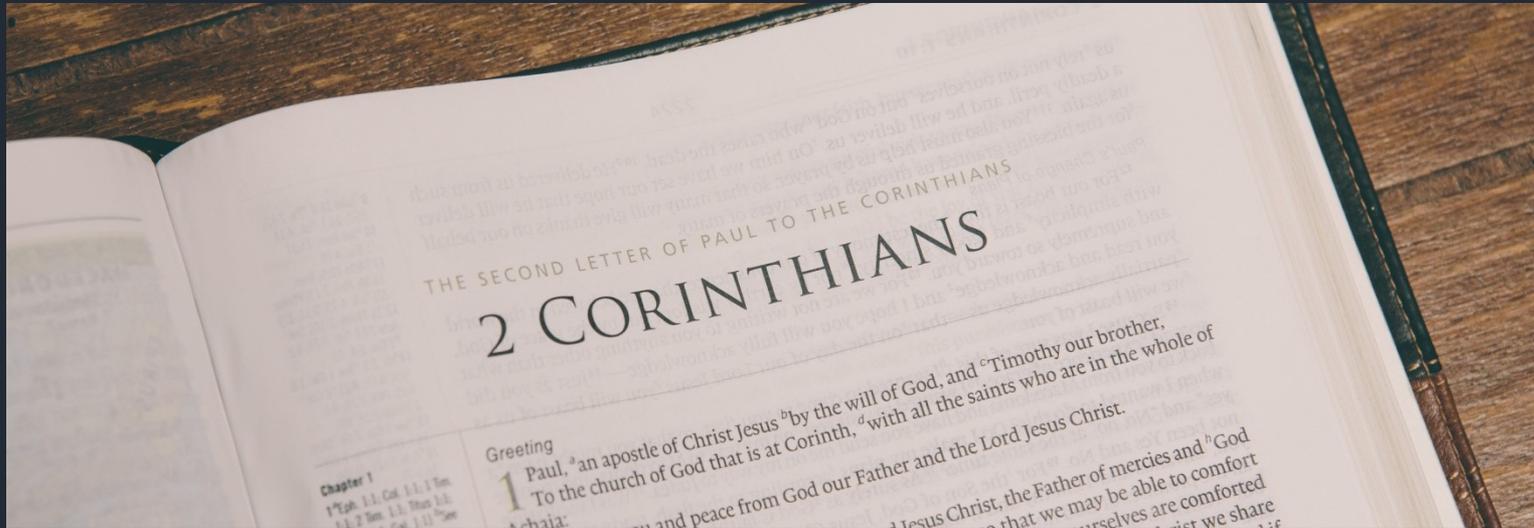
➤ It is perhaps the most personal of Paul's letters – we see his heart and mind.

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➤ As he writes, it is clear that Paul is hurting, which causes him to reflect on his trials and ministry.

# 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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# 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

<sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

# The God of All Comfort



# 2 Corinthians 1:3

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# 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

<sup>8</sup> For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

# 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

<sup>9</sup> indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

# 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

<sup>10</sup> who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

# 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

<sup>11</sup> you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many*.

# 2 Corinthians 1:9

<sup>9</sup> indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

# The God of All Comfort



➤ V. 9 – Trials force us to trust God.

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# The God of All Comfort



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➤ V. 3-4 – Comfort is what God does!

# 2 Corinthians 1:5

<sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

# The God of All Comfort



- Trials may increase, but God's comfort does also.

# ➤ Some ways God comforts:



Other People

# 2 Corinthians 7:6

<sup>6</sup> But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus; <sup>7</sup> and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

➤ Some ways God comforts:



The Work of the Spirit

# Acts 9:31

<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

# ➤ Some ways God comforts:



Providence

# Romans 8:28

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

# ➤ Some ways God comforts:



Prayer/Closeness with God

# James 4:8

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

# Passing It On



# 2 Corinthians 1:4

<sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

# Passing It On



➤ God comforts us so that we can comfort others.

# Passing It On



➤ Trials produce ministry!

# Living in God's Strength



# 2 Corinthians 1:10

<sup>10</sup> who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

<sup>8</sup> *we are* afflicted in every way,  
but not crushed; perplexed,  
but not despairing;

<sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken;  
struck down, but not destroyed;

## 2 Corinthians 4:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart,  
but though our outer man is decaying,  
yet our inner man is being renewed  
day by day.

## 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

<sup>4</sup> but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

# 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

<sup>5</sup> in beatings, in imprisonments,  
in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness,  
in hunger,

<sup>6</sup> in purity, in knowledge, in patience,  
in kindness, in the Holy Spirit,  
in genuine love,

## 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

<sup>7</sup> in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

<sup>8</sup> by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true;

## 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

<sup>9</sup> as unknown yet well-known,  
as dying yet behold, we live;  
as punished yet not put to death,  
<sup>10</sup> as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as  
poor yet making many rich, as having  
nothing yet possessing all things.

## 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

## 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

# Living in God's Strength



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

# Receiving God's Salvation

