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2 Corinthians

INTRODUCTION

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with Him.

THE PLAN

Each month we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A Bible you are comfortable marking in.
- Some markers or colored pencils.
- Worksheets we will provide.
- Time (about 30 minutes each day).
- Prayer (we always need God's help as we study the Bible).

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- Observation | What does it say?
(Interrogate the text: who, what, when, where, and how.)
- Interpretation | What did it mean to the intended audience?
- Application | What did I learn that should affect my life?
(Is there a behavior, attitude, or understanding that should change in my life?)

GOALS (Each is valuable independently, but all three combined will provide the greatest result.)

- Read (hopefully more than once).
- Mark (strategically looking for details that matter).
- Record (lists and labels—themes, places, teaching, prophecies, etc.).



2 CORINTHIANS

Learning And Growing

THE BASICS

What kind of literature is 2 Corinthians?

Who wrote it?

Approximately when was it written?

What events happened between 1 and 2 Corinthians?

Paul Describes His Experiences

When Paul expected to die, not only did he live, but he was changed. (1:8-10)

He stopped relying on _____.

He learned to rely on _____.

How did Paul and his coworkers conduct themselves? (1:12)

They depended on God's _____.

Not on human _____.

How many of God's promises have been fulfilled? (1:20)

How can we stand firm? (1:21)

_____ enables us to stand firm in _____.

...for the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:5

INSTRUCTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

BEWARE

_____ in the church _____ the people they are
“trying to help.” (2:5)

_____ can outsmart us. He has evil schemes. (2:11)

We are part of Christ's triumphal procession.

2 Corinthians 2:14

THE SMELL (2:15-16)

To those who reject Jesus, the gospel is the smell of _____
and _____.

To those who are being saved, it is a _____ perfume.

COMPARING THE TWO COVENANTS (3:6-11)

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Led to _____.	Gives life.
Brings _____.	Makes us _____.
Has been _____.	Remains _____.

Wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

THE VEIL (3:13-18)

Prevents _____.

Can be removed only by _____.

GLORY (3:18)

We can _____ God's glory.

We are being changed into God's _____.

PAUL'S CHALLENGE (4:2)

Reject shameful _____ and underhanded _____.

Don't try to _____ anyone.

Don't distort the _____.

Tell the _____.

SATAN (4:4)

He is the _____ of this world.

He has _____ the minds of those who don't _____.

*...since God in his mercy has given us this new way,
we never give up.*

2 Corinthians 4:1

WHY WE NEVER GIVE UP (4:16-17)

Though our bodies are _____, our spirits are being _____ every day.

Our present troubles are _____ and won't _____ very long.

Our troubles produce for us a _____ that vastly _____ them and will last _____.

OUR FOCUS (4:18)

We don't look at the _____ we can see _____, because they will soon be _____.

We fix our gaze on things that cannot be _____, because they will _____ forever.

OUR NEW BODIES (5:1-10)

When we leave this earthly body, we will have an _____ body made for us by _____.

When we leave this earthly body, we will not be _____ without _____.

...we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

WHAT WE DO AS AMBASSADORS (5:11-21)

We work hard to _____ others.

Christ _____ for everyone so that those who _____ his new _____ will no longer _____ for themselves.

WHAT PAUL PATIENTLY ENDURED (6:4-10)

Troubles.

Hardships.

_____ of every kind.

Beaten.

Put in _____.

Faced angry _____.

Worked to _____.

_____ nights.

Gone without _____.

IN THE MIDST OF ALL OF THE ABOVE, PAUL DISPLAYED...

Purity.

_____.

Patience.

_____.

Sincere _____

Evidence of the _____ _____ within.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO SERVE GOD, PAUL?

People sometimes honor us.

People sometimes _____ us.

People sometimes praise us.

People sometimes _____ us.

They call us _____ when we are honest.

We are well-known, but _____.

Live close to death, but still _____.

Beaten, but not _____.

Hearts ache, but always have _____.

Poor, but give _____ riches to others.

Own nothing, but have _____.

We are the temple of the living God.

2 Corinthians 6:16

CHOOSING YOUR TEAM (6:14-18)

Don't team up with those who are _____.

How can righteousness be a partner with _____?

How can _____ live with _____?

What harmony can there be between _____ and the
_____?

How can a believer be a partner with _____?

CONFLICT/DISOURAGEMENT/SORROW

Just like us today, Paul faced conflict from every _____,
with _____ on the outside and _____ on the
inside. (7:5)

God _____ those who are discouraged. (7:6)

The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from
_____. (7:10)

Worldly sorrow lacks _____ and results in spiritual
_____. (7:10)

HOW SHOULD WE GIVE?

Give in proportion to what you _____, not what you don't _____. (8:12)

Out of a heart of love, give eagerly. (8:8,12)

Decide in your _____ how much to give. (9:7)

Don't give reluctantly or in response to _____, for God loves a person who gives _____. (9:7)

THE BATTLE (10:3-5)

We don't wage war as _____ do.

We use God's _____ weapons to knock down the _____ of human _____ and to _____ false _____.

We destroy every _____ obstacle that keeps people from _____.

FALSE TEACHERS

They teach a different _____ and a different _____. (11:4)

Just like Satan, they disguise themselves as servants of _____. (11:14-15)

PAUL COMPARES HIMSELF TO THE FALSE TEACHERS' CLAIMS (11:22-28)

Hebrew (Israelite, descendant of Abraham).

A Hard Working Servant of Christ.

Imprisoned.

Whipped (times without number).

Faced Death again and again.

Given 39 lashes by _____ five times.

Beaten with _____.

Stoned (and left for dead).

Shipwrecked _____ times.

On long journeys, danger from _____ and robbers.

Dangers from the _____ and the Gentiles.

Danger in the cities, in the _____, in the deserts and on the _____.

Danger from men who claim to be _____ but are not.

Long and hard _____.

Sleepless _____.

Hungry, Thirsty and without _____.

_____ in the cold.

Without enough _____ to keep him warm.

Burden of _____ for all the churches.

CHAPTER THEMES

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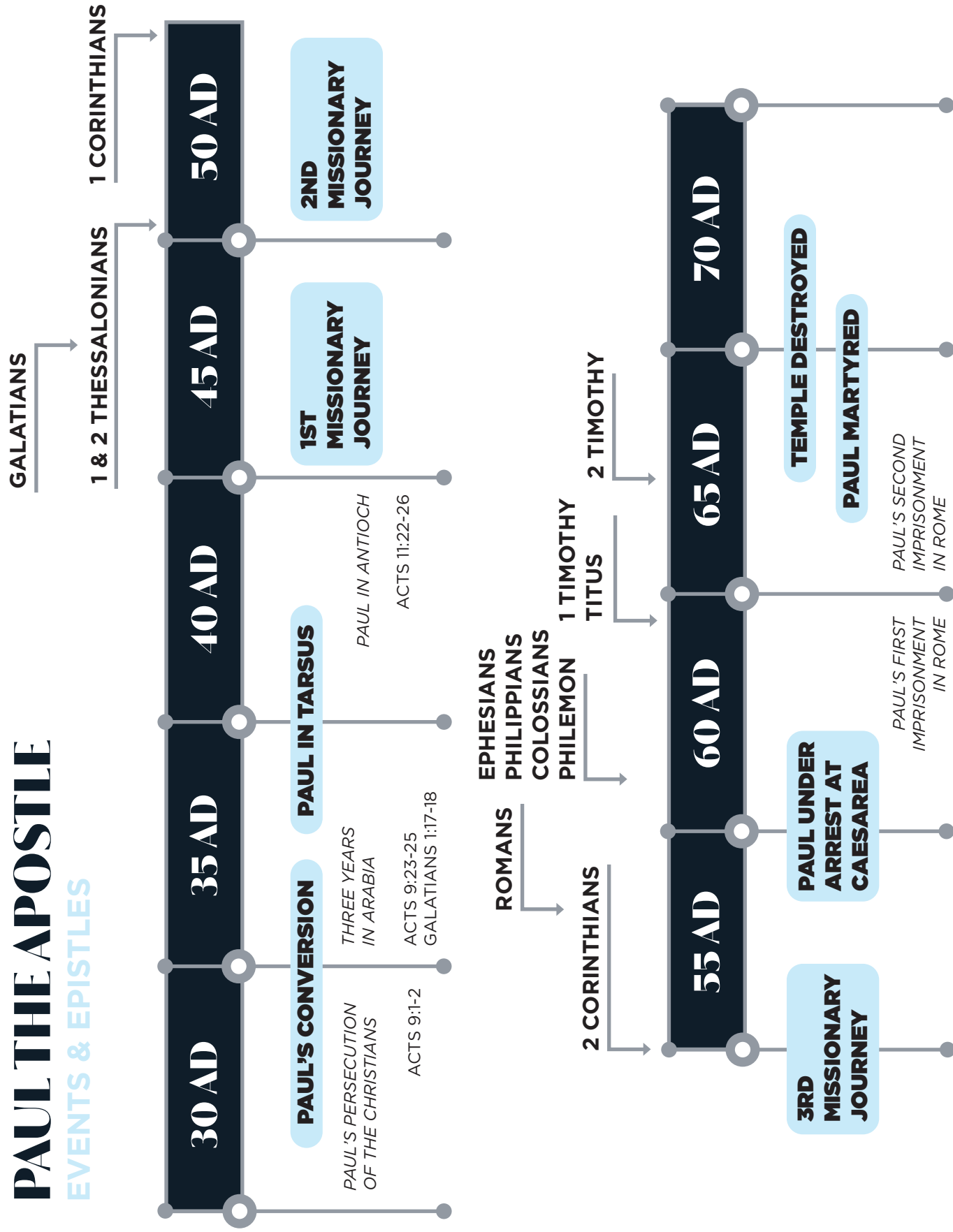
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PAUL THE APOSTLE

EVENTS & EPISTLES



2 CORINTHIANS 4

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION



Treasure In Fragile Clay Jars

- 1** Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up.
- 2** We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.
- 3** If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing.
- 4** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.
- 5** You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.
- 6** For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 7** We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.
- 8** We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.
- 9** We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.
- 10** Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.
- 11** Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies.
- 12** So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.
- 13** But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."

14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you.

15 All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 CORINTHIANS 5

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION



New Bodies

1 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

2 We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing.

3 For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies.

4 While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life.

5 God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

6 So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord.

7 For we live by believing and not by seeing.

8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.

9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.

10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

We Are God's Ambassadors

11 Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too.

12 Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart.

13 If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit.

14 Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.

15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.