



# 2 CORINTHIANS

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay...” (4:7)

“... as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. (6:10)

“for when I am weak, then I am strong.” 12:10

# **“Comfort in Difficulty”**

**2 Corinthians 1:1-11**

*Where do you look to find comfort?*

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Not Comfortable

Spirit as Comforter (*paraklete*)

Able to Comfort

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”

– Matthew 16:24

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ... But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

- John 14:16, 26 (KJV)

“... a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.        - Isaiah 42:3

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.        - Isaiah 57:15



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Sharing in Christ abundantly

Sharing in One Another

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“And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while. About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades,

“and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing,

“and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.” When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

– Acts 19:22-28

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Relying on God who Raises  
Granted through the Prayers of Many



