

Pastor's Pen

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BARELY THERE

⁸For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 2 Cor. 1:8

Paul was not afraid to chronicle his difficulties. Notice he calls it "burdened beyond measure" "above strength" so that we "despaired even of life".

God is not bashful about our suffering, sometimes the more he honors you the more you suffer, He knows He can trust you with it. Paul says we were barely there and yet God's power flows perfectly through our weaknesses. When we are small, and vulnerable with no options God and his word become very precious to us.

Don't give up don't be weary press on, God is with you. We know the Bible predicts harder times in the end, and we are there now.

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