

2 Corinthian Series: "Learning to Lean on God"

"The God of All Comfort"

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2 Corinthians 1:1-11

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Introduction:

- A. 2 Corinthians is, perhaps, Paul's _____ letter to them.
- B. In this opening section, Paul defends himself against the false charges that his _____ were God's _____ for his sin and unfaithfulness.

I. _____ the Word.

- A. The opening greeting follows a pattern.
 - 1. Identify the _____.
 - 2. Identify the _____.
 - 3. Offer a _____.
- B. Paul's main theme comes through loud and clear—_____.
- C. A second theme acts as a counterpart to the first—_____.
- D. So Paul begins by _____ God for the very thing his opponents maintain calls his ministry into question—his _____.
- E. Paul's hope for them is certain because he knows that our sufferings cannot _____ God's _____.
- F. Paul's experience of God's deliverance in the _____ points to God's deliverance in the _____, which results in God's comfort in the _____.

II. _____ the Word.

- A. Lessons:
 - 1. Life is full of _____.
 - 2. God is _____.
 - 3. God can use our _____ for _____.
- B. Although we cannot understand fully God's ultimate intent in the tragic events of life, it is possible to _____ God in _____ circumstance. (Rom. 8:28)
- C. There is no telling what _____ things can come out of the _____ things that happen to us.
- D. A favorite illustration of the purpose of suffering is the illustration of the _____.
- E. It is the _____ in life that help us to become _____ we can be.

Answer Key: Intro. A. 4th. B. trials, punishment. I. Understanding. I.A.1. writer. I.A.2. recipients. I.A.3. prayer. I.B. comfort. I.C. suffering. I.D. praising, suffering. I.E. outdistance, comfort. I.F. past, future, present. II. Applying. II.A. pain. II.B. faithful. II.A.3. sufferings, good. II.B. trust, every. II.C. good, bad. II.D. butterfly. II.E. struggles, all.