

Welcome to Women's Bible Study!

APRIL 29, 2026

*“PREPARATION FOR
FINAL VISIT”*

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

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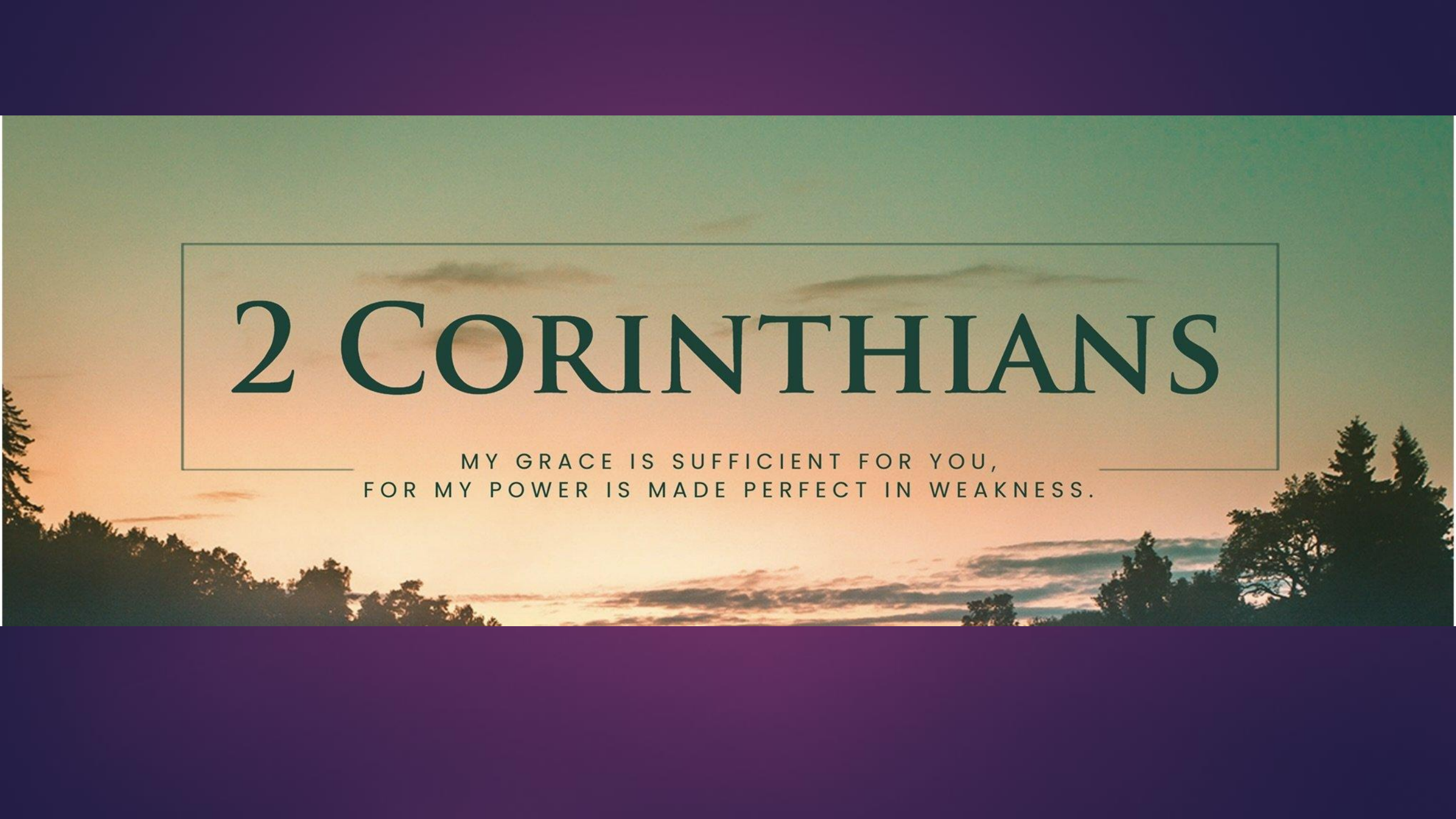
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2 CORINTHIANS

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.

Author: Paul

Purpose: After a strained relationship with them that included a letter of correction (1 Corinthians), a painful visit, and a severe letter of rebuke, they have repented so Paul is writing to help rebuilt their relationship, address some ongoing issues (Super Apostles), and tell them how to prepare for his upcoming visit.



Ongoing Issues in Corinth

- *Paul's changing travel plans*
- *The unfinished collection*
- *Ongoing immorality*
- *Paul's apostleship*
- *"Super Apostles"*
- *Preparation for his 3rd and final visit.*



Outline:

- 1. Overview and Introduction/Comfort in Affliction (1:1-11)*
- 2. Paul's personal defense-His Commendation is from God (1:12-3:18)*
- 3. Paul's defense of his ministry-Do not lose heart (4-5)*
- 4. Paul's Appeal-God's grace is not in vain (6-7)*
- 5. Call to complete the collection for the saints (8-9)*
- 6. Paul's apostolic authority over the "super apostles" (10:1-11:15)*
- 7. Boasting in weakness/His power made perfect (11:16-12:13)*
- 8. Preparation for Paul's third visit/Closing (12:14-13:14)*

Summary:

1:1-11-Introduction (Sept.)

*1:12-7:16-Paul's defense: Personal and Ministry
(Oct., Nov., Dec.)*

8-9-Giving generously (Jan.)

10:1-12:13-The rebellious minority (Feb. March)

12:14-13:10-Preparations for a third visit (April)

13:11-14-Final Greetings (April)



Group Discussion

Study Guide

Teaching-2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14

“Speaking truth in love means calling for self-reflection and warnings against disobedience”

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Acts 20:2-3

2 When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. 3 There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.



Romans 15:25-26

25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.



Summary of 2 Corinthians 12:14-13-14

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Year End Review and Discussion

2 Corinthians 1:1-11:

Introduction

Blessing/Benediction

Paul's trials and afflictions

*→ We are comforted in Christ in order to
comfort others.*



2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18

Paul's defense of his travel plans

God leads in triumphal procession in Christ

*We are the aroma of Christ-aroma of death vs.
aroma of life*

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

→ We become what we behold.





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2 Corinthians 4-5

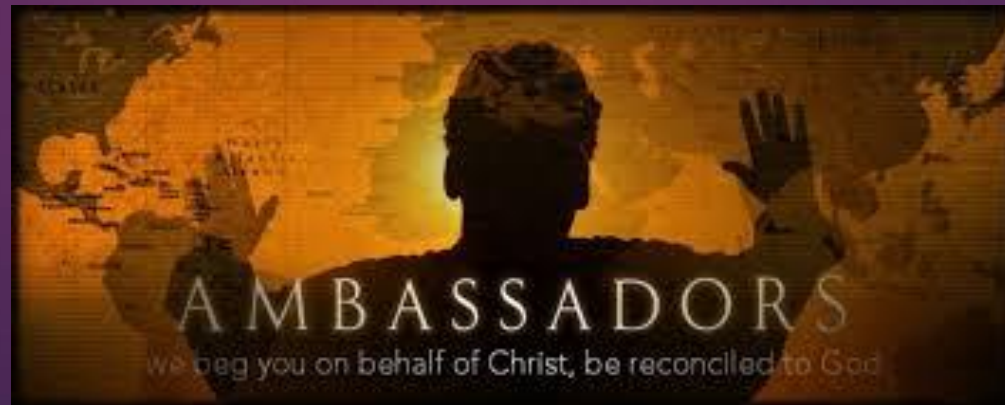
Paul defends his ministry

Treasure in jars of clay

Temporary afflictions vs eternal weight of glory

New creation/Ambassadors

→ Our frailty magnifies God's power and the glory of Christ.



2 Corinthians 6-7

*Paul's life of suffering as his commendation
Call to separate from the world/God dwells in
our midst*

Godly grief produces repentance

*→ Welcomed by God, we walk in holiness and
godly repentance in the fear of the Lord.*



2 Corinthians 8-9

*Exhortation to complete the collection for the saints
Christ's example of selfless giving out of poverty
Giving produces gratitude and thanksgiving to God
→ Grace begets grace: Walking out the gospel in the gift of giving.*



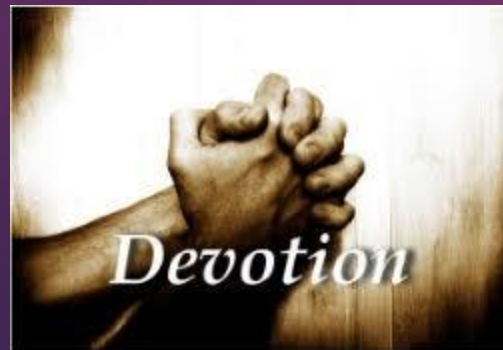
2 Corinthians 10:1-12:113

*Paul's weapons of warfare and apostolic authority
Guard devotion to Christ*

Rebuke of super apostles as servants of Satan

*Boasting in weakness that magnifies God's power
and grace*

*→ Waging divine warfare to guard our devotion to
Christ, we boast in our weakness because it magnifies
God's power and the sufficiency of God's grace.*



2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14

Paul's intention to visit them

The goal of building them up and Paul's fears of extended grief

Assurance of Paul's apostolic authority in their lives

Closing exhortations and greetings

→ Speaking truth in love means calling for self-reflection and warnings against disobedience.



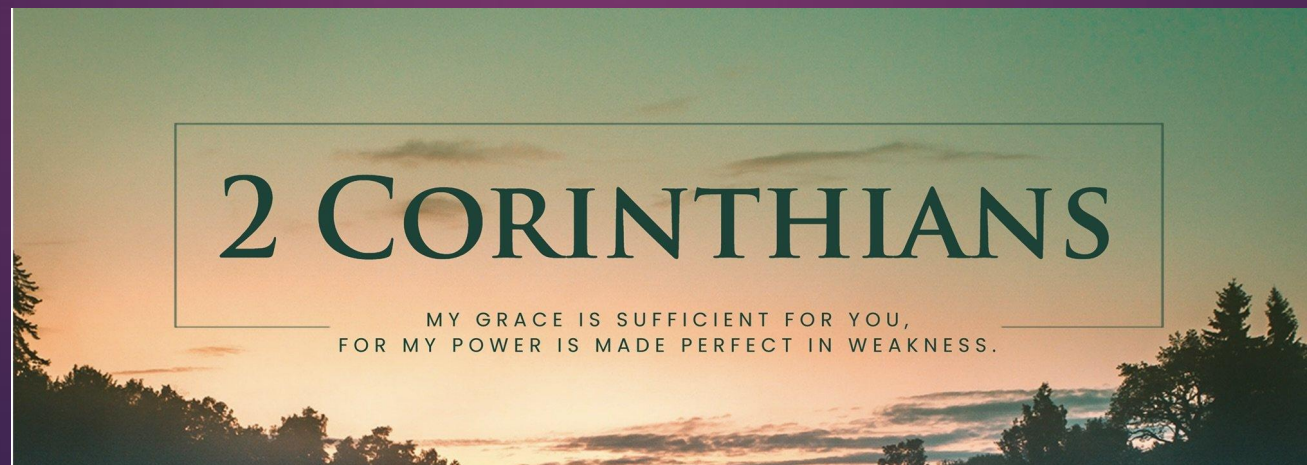
It is remarkable for the patient confidence of its author toward those wayward and fickle believers in Roman Corinth, for its disclosure of Paul's personal hurt, and for his own robust yet subtle exposition of the gospel of Christ in relationship to the matters of current concern in Corinth, matters that are forever lost through the distance of history and the eternal incompleteness of our knowledge. Yet Paul's words—the text—remain, and come to us borne by the Spirit of God, with the authority of the Lord Christ himself, whose devoted minister Paul was. (Barnett)

Thoughts on 2 Corinthians:

- 1. Suffering and trials are part of the Christian life as we follow a crucified Savior.*
- 2. Our frailty as jars of clay only magnifies God's power in our lives.*
- 3. We are to walk in humility and godly repentance.*
- 4. He gives abundant grace that is fully sufficient to enable us to reflect Christ.*

Thoughts on 2 Corinthians:

5. We ought to examine our lives and since Christ is in us, we ought to be transformed in our pure devotion to Him as we live out the crucified life of our Savior in our fellowship with one another.



Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.





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WHO IS THE SPIRIT.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV**

Discussion/Sharing Time

- 1. How have we grown in the knowledge of the Lord this year? How will we more rightly reflect Him because of our time in 2 Corinthians?*
- 2. What do you want to take from our time in 2 Corinthians?*



Closing Thoughts



But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9