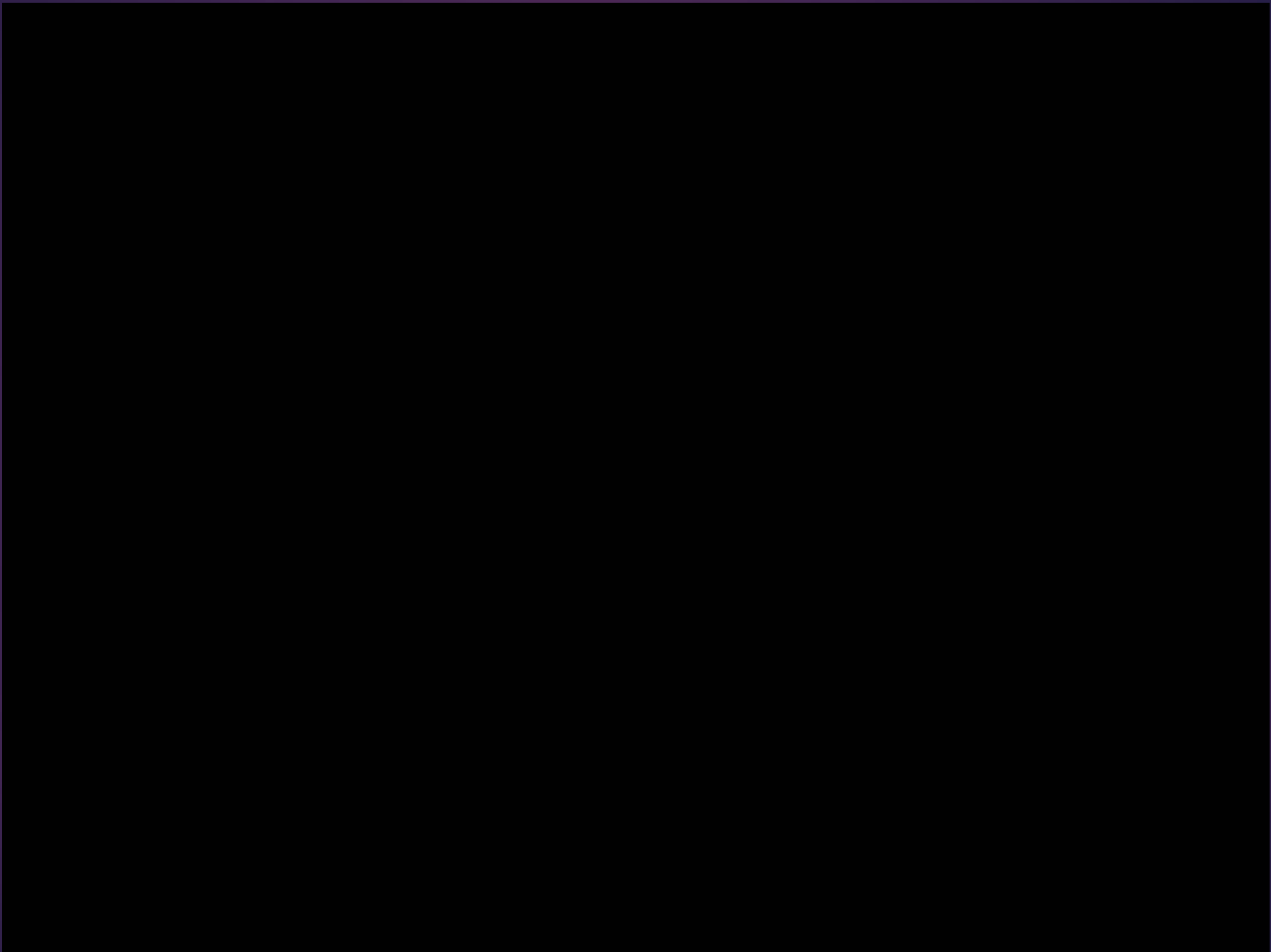


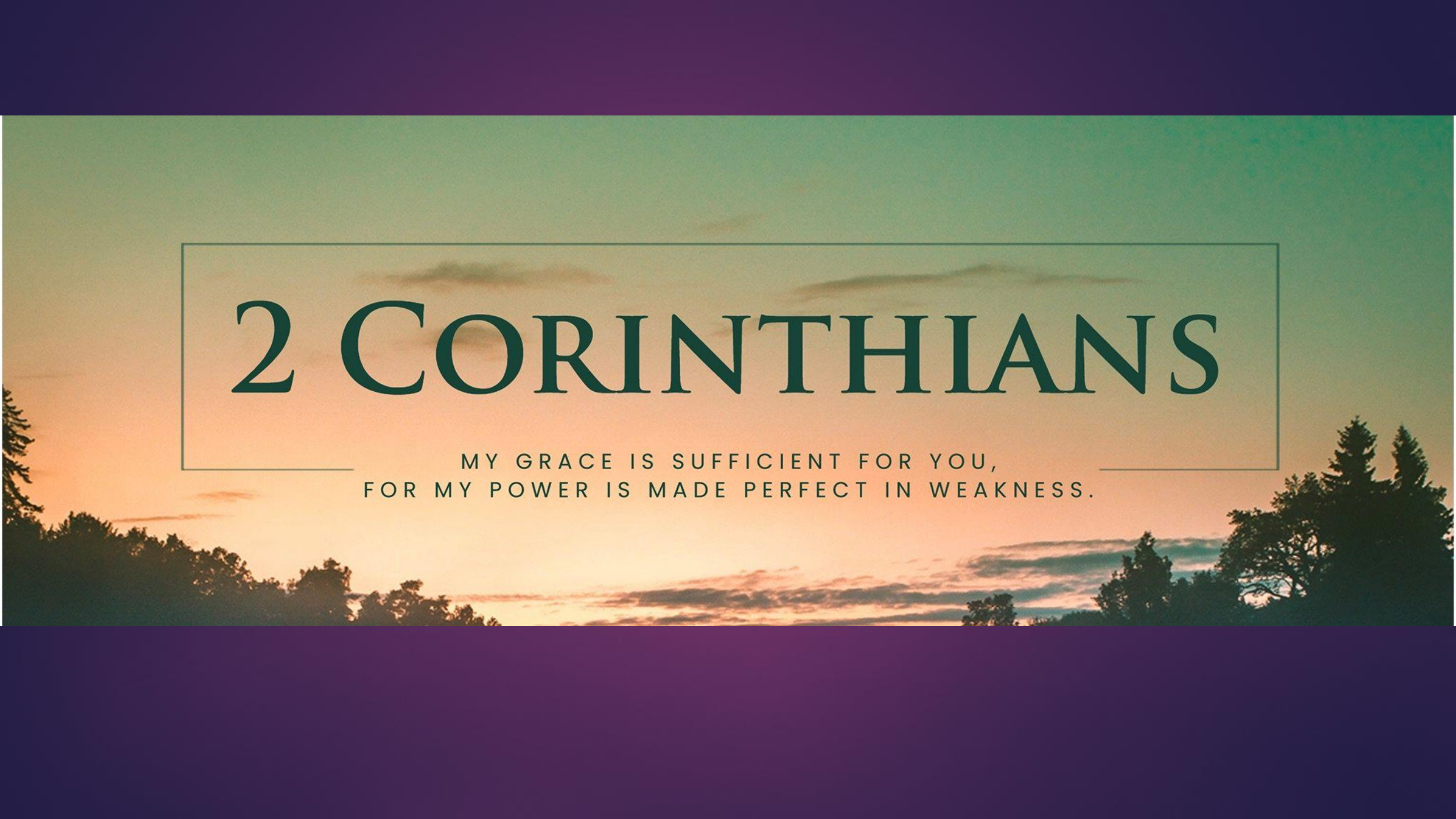
Welcome to Women's Bible Study!

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

*“COMFORTED
TO BE A COMFORT”*



Welcome!



2 CORINTHIANS

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

How to connect/Resources:



Anchored

Treasuring God and His Word as our Firm Foundation and Eternal Hope



Find out more...



church center

Meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday (most months)

Bible study time:

6:00-6:30 Welcome and Fellowship/Snacks

6:45-7:15 Group Discussion/Small group study

7:15-7:45-Teaching-Part 1

7:45-8:00 Break

8:00-8:30 Teaching-Part 2/

8:30-9:00 Discussion/Take Away/Fellowship



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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2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV**

What is the Bible?

Collection of 66 “books” written in 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) by over 40 authors over a time span of around 1500 years.



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What is the Bible?

At the simplest level, it is the history and story of ancient Israel. Yet in it, is the larger story of God's revelation of Himself to mankind.



What is the Bible?

It is primarily theological, revealing the God who is behind every page.



Why should we study the Bible?

Main Reason: To get to know the Lord!

The Bible is a book of revelation—a revealing of the Creator and Redeemer. Ultimately, we study the Bible to get to know Him!



2 Peter 2:20-21

“knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”



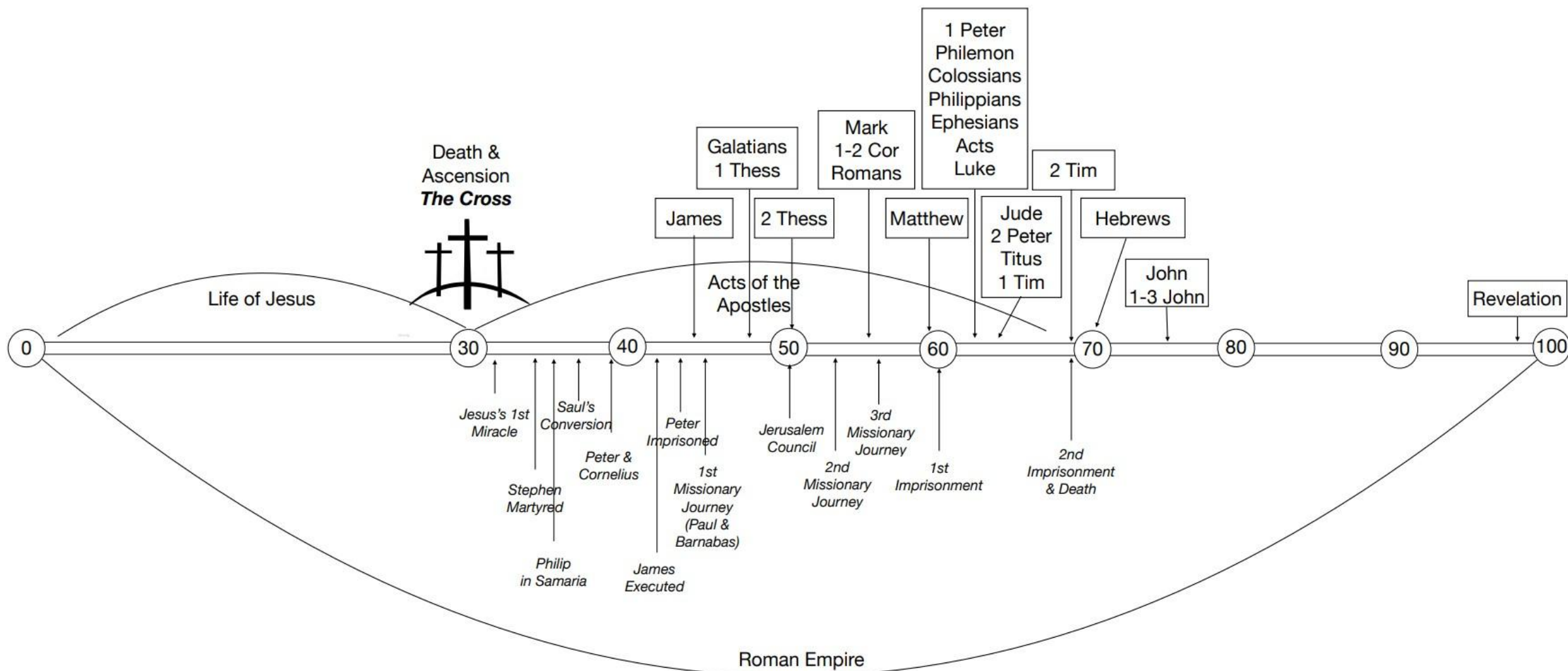
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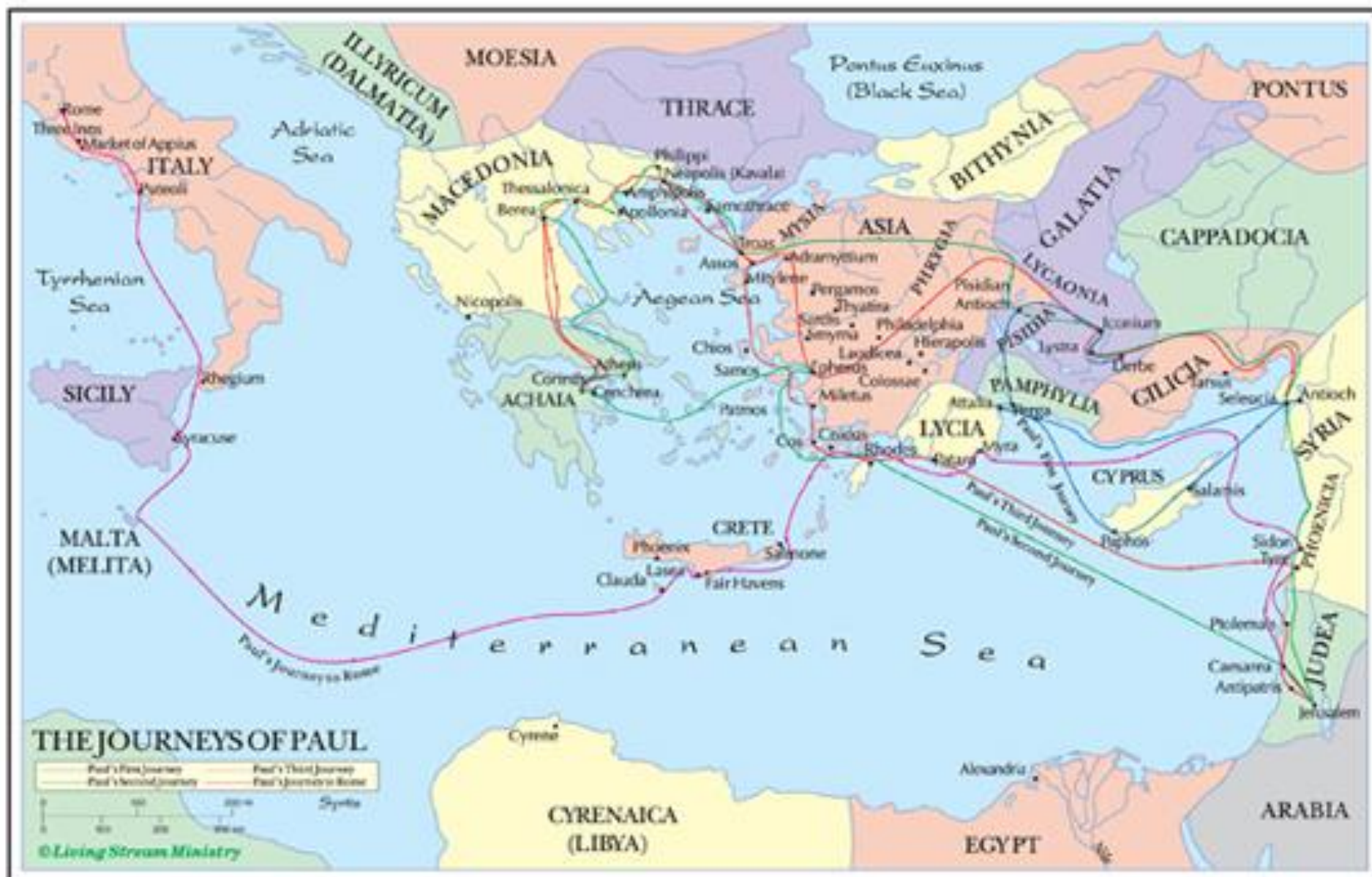
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Group Discussion

Study Guide















What happened?









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)



BREAK



Teaching-2 Corinthians 1:1-11
“Comforted to be a Comfort”

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THE SHARED EXPERIENCE









SUFFERING

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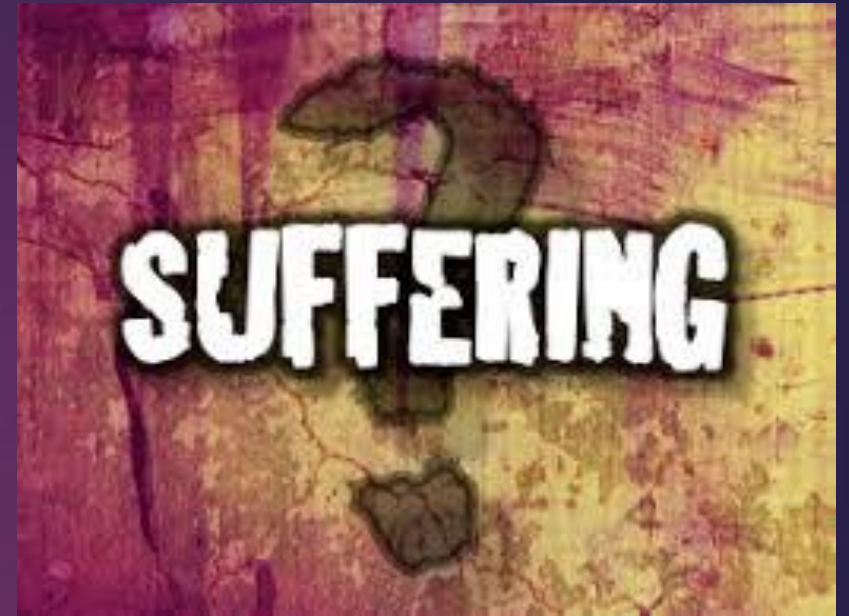
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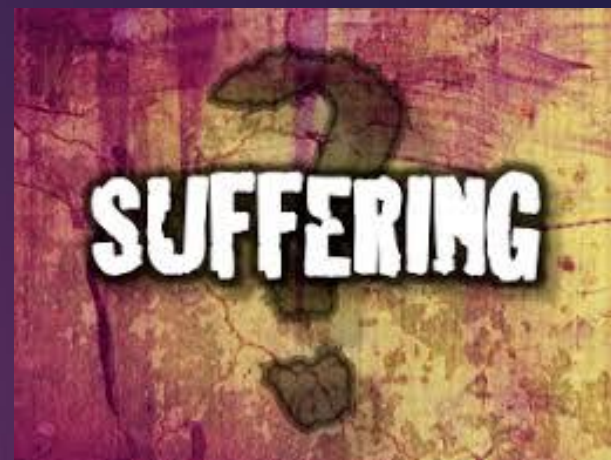
Comfort



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→ *He is the Father of compassion and God of all present help who instills us with courage, coming alongside in all of our distress, troubles, and burdens.*

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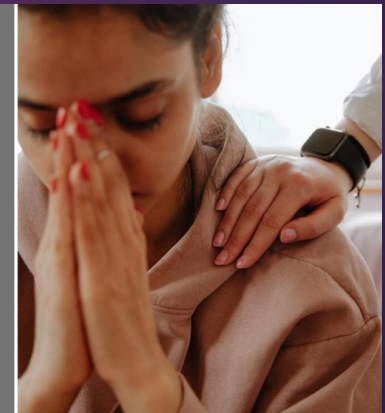


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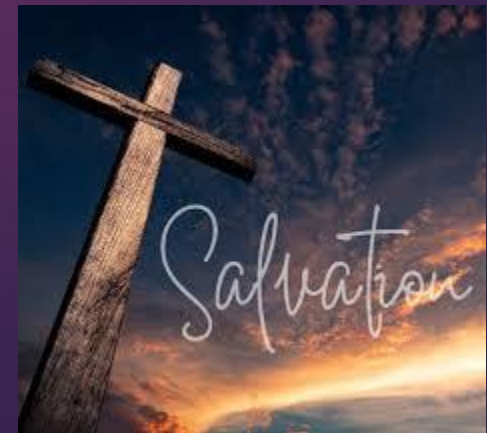


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Paradoxical
Kingdom -
Suffering &
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Application:

- 1. Our trials are meant to cause us to rely on God and not ourselves.*
- 2. Our trials and the comfort God gives to us in them is not meant to stop with us but are to comfort others with the same comfort we have received from God.*
- 3. We have a God who came to us.*

Discussion/Sharing Time

1. *Where in your life right now do you need to rely on God and set your hope on His deliverance?*
2. *What trials have you walked through and been comforted by God that He may use to comfort others? Who specifically do want to reach out to this month?*
3. *How does it comfort you to know that Christ came to you and was willing to suffer so that He could share His eternal comfort with you? How does Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians change the way we think about our own trials?*

Summary:

After a painful visit and a severe letter, Paul finally gets word that the church in Corinth has responded rightly so he pens 2 Corinthians to help restore their relationship, encourage them in their trials, and address some lingering issues regarding the collection for the poor, immorality, and those who question Paul's legitimacy as an apostle because of his weaknesses. Paul points to how weakness and suffering are part of sharing in Christ's sufferings and mark the true believer. Yet, like Christ's sufferings, our sufferings are used by God to bring comfort to others who are suffering as well.

SUMMARY

MY God,
MY God,
WHY HAVE YOU
forsaken Me?



Closing Thoughts

*→ We are
comforted in
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Homework:

- *Join Discord!*
- *Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18 and work on the study guide. (To be sent soon) (Finish 2 Corinthians Overview and Chapter 1:1-11)*
- *Watch the Bible Project on 2 Corinthians.*
- *Answer the discussion question to be posted this month.*
- *Next Study: Tuesday, October 28*

