

“A LOVE LETTER SEALED WITH A KISS”

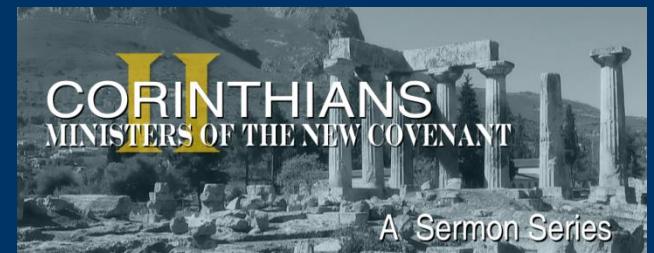
(2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 28

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INTRODUCTION:



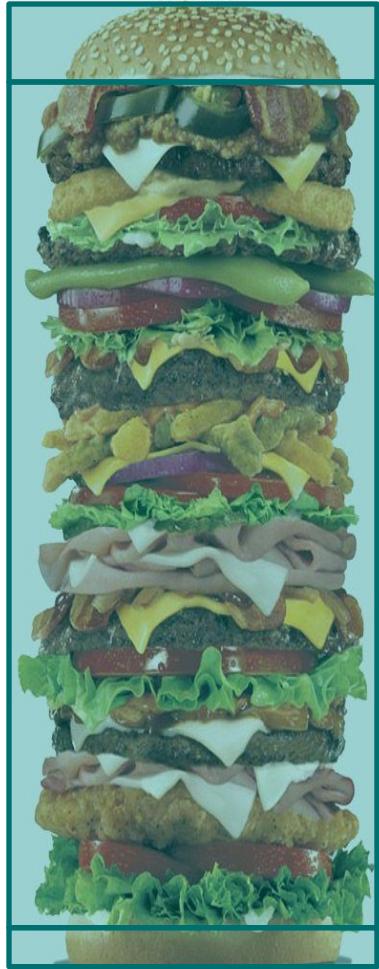
“It is the same with people
as it is with donkeys:
whoever would hold them
fast must get a very good
grip on their ears.”

A Russian Proverb



I. AN ENCOURAGING GLANCE AT THE TRUTH BEHIND US

Let's look back at where we've been.



Brief Introduction (1: 1-2)

Chapters 1-7, Paul deals with some crucial concerns - suffering, ministry, and godliness.

Chapters 8-9, he discusses grace giving, exhorting his readers to put their treasure where their heart is.

Chapters 10-13, he presents his apostolic credentials, reluctantly responding to the critics who denied his authority.

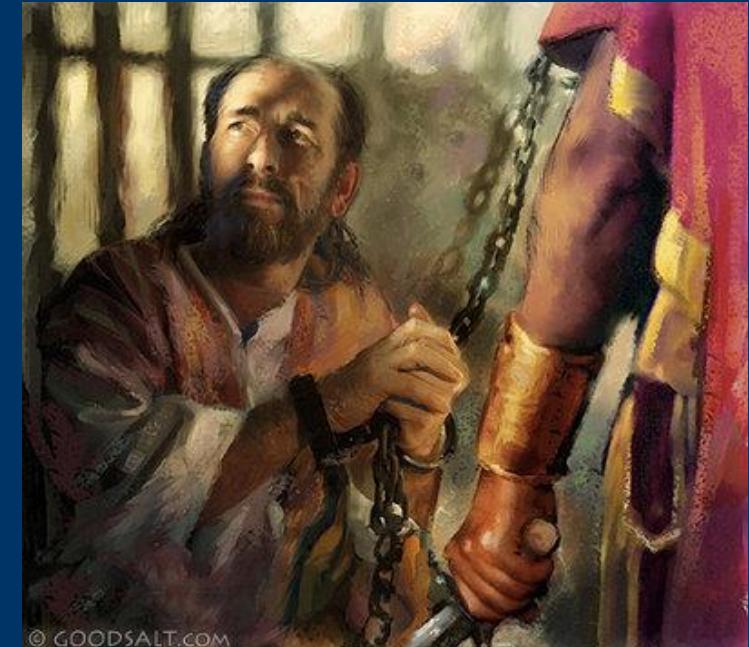
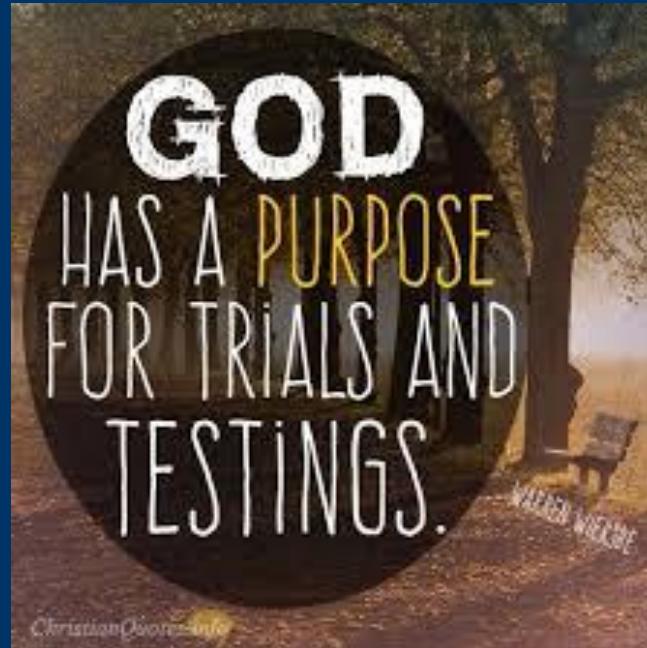
Brief Conclusion (13:11-14)

I. AN ENCOURAGING GLANCE AT THE TRUTH BEHIND US

We can learn four principles that will summarize what this letter is all about.



A) Great people are not immune to hard times.



I. SOME WAYS GOD EMPLOYS TO TEACH HIS CHILDREN

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B) Hard times bring tensions that may seem confusing.



Pain & suffering:
how can one
place a value
on that?

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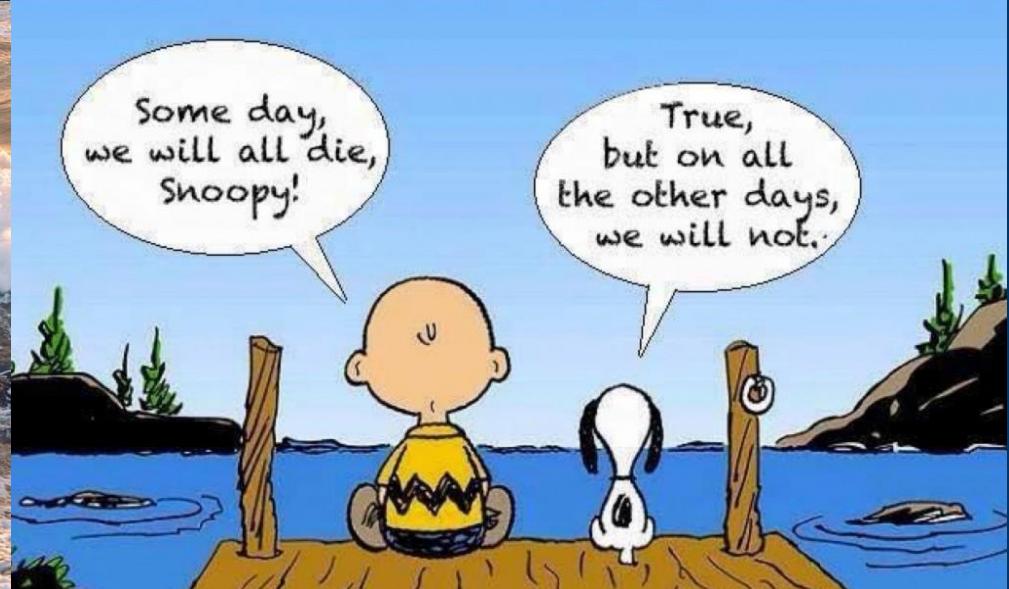
Why Does God Allow
**PAIN &
SUFFERING?**

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C) Such confusion is a needed reminder of our humanity.

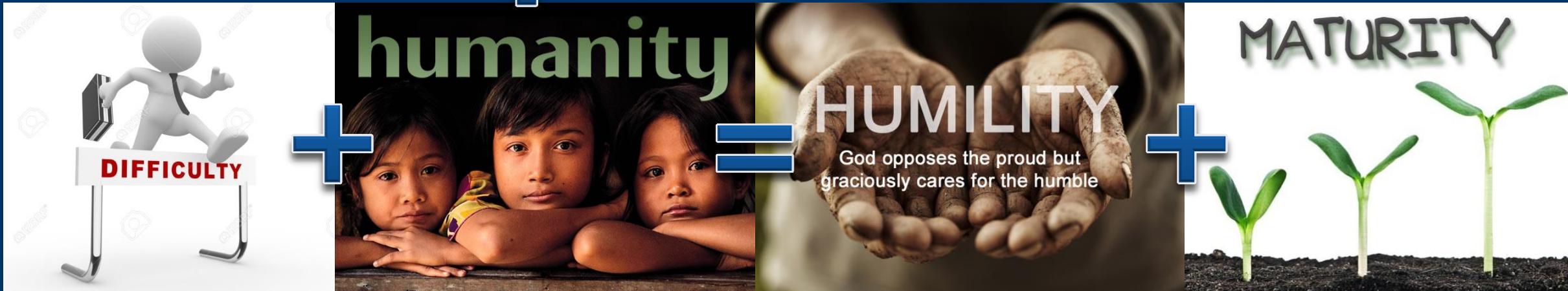


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D) Difficulty plus humanity equals humility and maturity.

God's Equation of Growth



II. A CONCLUDING LOOK AT SECOND CORINTHIANS

A) Some Practical Commands

2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.



II. A CONCLUDING LOOK AT SECOND CORINTHIANS

A) Some Practical Commands

1. Be Joyful



2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brothers and sisters, **rejoice!** Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

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A) Some Practical Commands

2. Be Complete.



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A) Some Practical Commands

3. Be Encouraged.



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A) Some Practical Commands

4. Be One-minded.



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5. Be in peace.



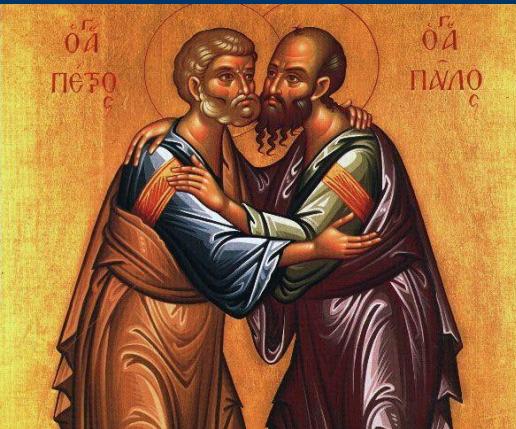
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A) Some Practical Commands

6. Be in Love.



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II. A CONCLUDING LOOK AT SECOND CORINTHIANS

B) Reminders Worth Remembering

2 Cor. 13:11b *The God of love and peace shall be with you. . . .*

13 *All God's people here send their greetings.*

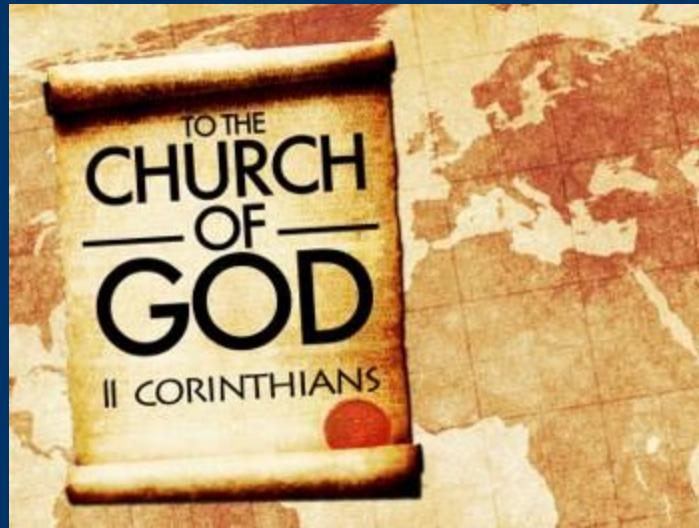


- 1) We can count on divine presence.**
- 2) We can also count on earthly companionship.**

CONCLUSION:



We've learned so much from 2 Corinthians that it's hard for our minds to retain it all. But two tips will help reinforce Paul's overall message.



- 1. Release the love of God, wherever you may be.***
- 2. Remember the God of love, whatever may happen to you.***

2 Cor 13:14 *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** *Why are the first few minutes of a message or sermon so important?*
- 2.** *What are some encouragements we learn from the overall lesson?*
- 3.** *What are some practical commands that Paul give that are applicable for us?*
- 4.** *What are some reminders that re worth remembering as we face suffering and challenges ahead of us?*



Scripture References:

2 Corinthians 13:11-14