

## **2 Corinthians: Hard Knocks, Unbreakable Faith**

Learn a perspective on hardship and suffering that is needed in today's world.

Second Corinthians speaks about the harsh realities of life and the unbreakable faith that sustains us through difficult and dangerous times. Paul catalogues some of the difficulties he has encountered during his ministry: prison, floggings, stoning, shipwreck, and being robbed, starved, and abandoned. Paul is qualified to speak on the subject of hardship.

As if all that were not bad enough, some of Paul's critics in Corinth were kicking him while he was down by suggesting that he lacked the credentials to be an apostle and that all the bad things that had happened to him were confirmation of God's judgment. In response to all that, Paul wrote this letter, both to establish his credibility as an apostle and to teach the Corinthians a proper perspective on hardship and suffering—a perspective we very much need today.

### **Session One** - Christ's Power Is Displayed in Hard Times

We demonstrate the power of Christ by enduring hardship.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

### **Session Two** - God Comforts Our Heartache

God gives comfort enough to share.

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

### **Session Three** - God Is Reliable in Financial Hard Times

You harvest as much as you sow, and never more.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

### **Session Four** - God Is Glorified in Our Weakness

God turns our weakness into incredible strength.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10