



TITLE | Delivery You Can Rely On

SERIES | Beyond Our Strength

TEXT | 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. **9** Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. **10** He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. **11** You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

2 Corinthians 1:9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.
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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Can you identify a time in your life when you experienced affliction that made you feel the way the apostle describes in these verses? Share how you felt with another person. What did you learn through affliction?

Tuesday:

In 2 Corinthians 1:9. What did Paul learn from his affliction? Why do you think such affliction would be necessary to learn this?

Wednesday:

What are some ways that you can be self-surrendered instead of self-reliant? In other words, how can you rely on the Lord and not yourself?

Thursday:

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. What does Paul say is the purpose of his "thorn in the flesh?" (He repeats it twice in verse 7.) How does conceit or pride relate to relying on the Lord? What is the remedy for pride?

Friday:

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Here the apostle Paul writes his last letter and expects to die. How do you reconcile this with 2 Corinthians 1:10, where Paul sets his hope on God to deliver him again?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for my stubborn self-reliance. Help me to see my afflictions as a teacher, not just a torture. And to surrender my afflictions to you. And to rely on you to deliver me however and whenever you choose. Thank you, Lord. Amen.