

2 CORINTHIANS: THE VICTORY PARADE

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The church in Corinth that God used Paul to plant was now questioning him. He had come under fire by the people who he cared for and they had questions about his apostleship and commission from God. His change of plans that showed mercy to Corinth caused them to question if he kept his word. But Paul cared deeply about the Corinthian church. They needed to know he changed his plans because of them as well. He couldn't bear to think what had happened to the church he cared so much for. Paul's plan to team up with Titus was interrupted when Titus didn't make it to Troas. A door was open in Troas for Paul to preach the Gospel, but he had to go back to Macedonia due to his concern. What had become of Titus? What had become of the Corinthians? It threw him off. He was anxious for news about the Corinthian church. But God has a way of turning trial into triumph. How does God work through the ups and downs in the life of a follower of Christ?

1. God is gracious to us even as we face _____ and _____ the best we can.
2. God brings _____ out of trial for the one who is _____ to His calling as a bearer of the _____.
3. God's man or woman must embark on the mission of God in Christ's power, with _____, _____, and _____.