



## "A VERY PERSONAL LETTER"

### 2 Corinthians

- The history leading up to this letter:
  - Paul's 1 ½ years of ministry in Corinth/a church is established. *Acts 18*
  - Paul's letter about a specific sexual immorality situation. *1 Corinthians 5:9*
  - Paul's letter addressing multiple church issues. *1 Corinthians*
  - Paul's "painful visit." *1 Corinthians 4:18-21; 2 Corinthians 2:1; 13:1-3*
  - Paul's "severe" letter. *2 Corinthians 2:3-4; 7:8, 12*
  - Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> letter. *2 Corinthians*
  - Paul's plan for a 3<sup>rd</sup> visit. *2 Corinthians 12:14; 13:1*

### WHAT WILL WE FIND IN 2 CORINTHIANS?

1. A follow-up on two situations.
  - The sexual immorality issue
  - A giving commitment
2. A responsive criticism.
3. A sharing of personal things.

### WHAT NEEDS DO YOU HAVE THAT THIS BOOK ADDRESSES?

- for comfort
- for understanding and coping during affliction
- to forgive and reaffirm love for someone
- to receive new life through salvation
- to deal with feelings of inadequacy
- to be a better witness and testimony to others
- to be less influenced by the world
- holy living
- victory over discouragement
- to deal with false accusations
- for the awareness of Satan's activity in all of the above
- to understand why God doesn't seem to answer prayers
- to learn more about death and judgment
- motivation to be a giving person
- new vitality in ministry
- ability to discern false teachers
- get back to a simple devotion
- to stop comparing yourself with others
- learn how to battle attacks on your mind
- to genuinely repent of sin
- ability to accept weaknesses and move on