Paul at Corinth

Acts 18:1-17

PART TWO

Introduction

When Paul arrived at Corinth he was physically weak, weary, gripped by fear, in distress, and despondent.

"I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling," 1 Corinthians 2:3.

God often calls his ministers to a life of suffering and aloneness. But there is good purpose in this.

Paul enters Corinth alone.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Comfort and encouragement from his colleagues.

1 Thessalonians 3:6-9

Perseverance in obedient faith, transformed hearts, changed lives – all signs of true repentance – these are the things that bring great joy, comfort, and encouragement to the disciple-maker!

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

2 Corinthians 7:13-16

3 John 3-4

Comfort and encouragement from his Lord.

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Jesus sees the suffering of His servant. Paul's fear has gripped him to the point of silence.

When the body is battered and fatigued, the mind is vulnerable and often invaded with terrors and negative, discouraging thoughts that are relentless if not confronted by truth.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

Psalm 145:18-19

Isaiah 57:15

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The lovingkindness and compassion of our Lord reassures us by reminding us that He with us – *always*.

Moses reassures the people about to enter the Promised Land: Deuteronomy 31:3, 5-6

The Lord reassures Joshua with the same promise He made to Moses: Joshua 1:5

Psalm 23:4

Psalm 46:6-7

Psalm 91:14-16

"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 43:1-3

2 Timothy 4:17

Paul needed a vision. We have His Word and His Spirit, but His Word must be believed in *faith*.

Provision:

Food: Matthew 16:7-9

Clothing: Matthew 6:30

Protection: Matthew 8:25-26

Death: Matthew 14:30-31

"for I have many in this city who are my people."

This is yet another strong testament to God's sovereignty.