

Listening Guide

Do Not Lose Heart

2 Corinthians 4

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Paul visits Corinth on 2nd missionary journey – AD50-52(Acts 18)
Initial Corinthian letter now lost to us – AD52-55? (1 Cor. 5:9)
1 Corinthians written in Ephesus – Spring AD55 (Acts 19)
Painful Visit-Summer or Fall AD55 - (2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1-2)
Severe Letter probably carried by Titus - Spring AD56 (2Cor. 2:4)
Paul leaves Ephesus – Spring AD56 (Acts 20)
Paul is in Macedonia – Summer AD56 (Acts 20)
Titus arrives from Corinth – Summer AD56 (2 Cor. 7)
2 Corinthians written in Macedonia – Fall AD56 (2 Cor. 7:5; 9:2-4)
Paul's 3rd & final visit to Corinth – AD 57 (Acts 20)

What was it that kept him (Paul) from fainting in the conflicts of life? *He knew what he possessed in Jesus Christ!* Instead of complaining about what he did not have, Paul rejoiced in what he did have; and you and I can do the same thing. *Wiersbe, Be Encouraged, pg. 57.*

1. Have this _____ by the _____.
1 Corinthians 4:1-6

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.*

2. Have this _____ in _____.
1 Corinthians 4:7-12

2 Timothy 3:12 *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

3. Have the _____ of _____.
1 Corinthians 4:13-15

True _____ cannot be _____.

4. This _____ produces for us _____.
1 Corinthians 4:16-18

Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

Now let's apply 2 Corinthians 4 to you and me.