

HeartHealthinHardTimes

2 CORINTHIANS



- 2 Cor. 1:1–7:16 Paul and His Credibility
- 2 Cor. 8:1–9:15 Corinth and Their Generosity
- 2 Cor. 10:1–13:14 Leadership and Its Authority

God cares about each of these, but His interest is in something more: Character.

- Romans 8:29
- Ephesians 2:10
- Philippians 1:6
- Romans 5:1-5

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

• **Character is Shaped Through Conflict**

Life Principle: Trust in God Alone.

Four General Observations

- Great people are not immune to hard times; they are shaped through them.
- Tough times often raise questions and cause us to see unfair contradictions.
- Tensions of life are the necessary reminders of our own frailty and of God's unchanging faithfulness.
- God works through our humanity to produce humility and maturity, not inferiority through difficulty in our lives.

- Character is Tested by Criticism.

Paul's letter is a response to some charges made against him. Note the following:

- > Lack of sensitivity
- > Failure to keep promises
- > Throwing around special
weight

- Character is produced by Christ.

Notes: