Strength in Weakness

(An Introduction to 2 Corinthians)

2 Corinthians 1:1-2

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Introduction:
The Unique Features of 2 Corinthians:

- The most personal of Paul's Epistles
- The most neglected of Paul's Epistles

The Theme of 2 Corinthians: Strength in Weakness (power in suffering)

I. Comfort in Tribulation:

2 Corinthians 1:4
Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

II. Treasure in Earthen Vessels:

2 Corinthians 4:7
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

III. Growing Inwardly while Perishing Outwardly:

2 Corinthians 4:16
For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

IV. Rich Giving in Poverty Circumstances:

2 Corinthians 8:2
How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

V. Strength in Weakness:

2 Corinthians 12:10 *- Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*