

GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

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I. PARTNERING IN THE STRUGGLE

Paul is an Apostle, appointed by Christ Himself. Yet Paul is honest about sharing his struggles. In verse 8 he's practically telling them: "I'm not hiding anything from you, I want you to know of the affliction!" He does this because he wants the Corinthians to be partners with him in his struggles.

II. PARTNERING IN THE JOYS

Paul can rejoice in the midst of struggles, because he can see God at work in his life through the suffering he is experiencing. Paul can see that he is being led to depend completely on God and not himself.

And Paul has seen God rescue him, and is sure God will rescue him again.

III. PARTNERING IN PRAYER

Paul expects God to continue to help him, in response to the Corinthian's prayers.

Prayer is key to the mission of the Gospel!