

God can achieve his purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or the abandonment of reliance on them. All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.

Oswald Chambers

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy

1 Timothy 1.12,13

God chose me because I was weak enough. God does not need to do his work by large committees. He trains someone to be quiet enough, and little enough, and then uses him.

Hudson Taylor

What is important to God is not 'bigness' – of church buildings or the numbers who gather there – but faithful and sacrificial service, like Christ himself.

Paul Barnett

FUZZY on the HARD Teachings of Scripture

When CHURCH says that SIN does NOT MATTER as Long as there is LOVE
Recent GLOBAL Tragedies – Shootings, Plane Crashes, Cyclones, Disease
MOURNERS Gather – Hold Hands, Hug, Sing, Comfort >> That's Wonderful!

“There in a Better Place” / Now with God / At Peace, Rest, Comfort
 Let’s be CLEAR Here – If someone DIES who has Not Trusted Christ > HELL
 Do we have Access to the GUEST List of Heaven? Sure, who is In/Out?? NO!
 Will we be SURPRISED by WHO is IN Heaven and who is NOT There!?! Yes!
 So we CANNOT and Should Not be saying this GUY who Died is Now in Hell
 We are NOT Hell’s Wardens -- Gospel is GOOD NEWS for the LIVING
 “in the Face of DEATH we have Message of Hope – Living Savior
 Died for our Sins, Rose from Grave to give New Life
 IF you TRUST in Him you will have Eternal Life, be with God FOREVER!”
 Church/Christian Advancing Satan’s Designs if FUZZY that Only Jesus Saves!

At the cross we discover that suffering, so evil and apparently meaningless in itself, can have eternal significance, for God gives it his own meaning.

Geoffrey Grogan

	Change of Itinerary Explained (chs 1-7)
Paul’s 3 rd Visit to Corinth	Preparation for the Visit (chs 8-9)
	Certainty and Imminence of Visit (chs 10-13)

That the Apostle Paul was the author of what is now known as the Second Epistle to the Corinthians is not a matter of dispute in reputable scholarly circles...What imposter could with such amazing naturalness have reproduced the swift changes of mood, the alternating joy, affection, and sternness, and the sudden digressions and switches of subject that characterize this remarkable epistle? Who could have been so artful as to stimulate so genuine an artlessness? Philip E. Hughes

Power and weakness, which represent the unifying theme of this letter, are hinted at in this opening paragraph...Great though our sense of weakness may be, the power of God is always greater. Some ministers today unhelpfully raise the hopes of their people by promising them immediate health and prosperity, as their due portion from God. These promises appear to be tailor-made for a society whose need for instant gratification is unprecedented in history. Paul, by contrast, soberly refers to his readers sufferings, and he promises, not immediate healing and success, but God’s comfort which they will experience as they patiently endure.

Paul Barnett

“the people among whom the blessed Paul labored, who were he letters in the beginning” Polycarp’s Letter to the Philippians, 2nd Century

...as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words...I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.” Acts 26.24-26

The notion of an evangelist who does not become personally involved in the lives of his or her converts is one that is foreign to the New Testament.

Linda Belleville

In too many communities in Africa, discipline is abused by ethnic groups and individuals. They use it for retaliation, judgment and condemnation, rather than as an opportunity for a member to repent and abandon his or her sin permanently. Rather than removing sin, such discipline unfortunately provides an opportunity for it to grow and sets brothers and sisters against each other. Issiaka Coulibaly, Côte d'Ivoire

HEART > Scripture sees as CENTER of Inner Life and all Functions of SOUL

KNOW the Lord is our Invitation to WHOLE World for ALL Time!

For when Christ is preached, and the promises which God hath made in Christ are believed, the Spirit entereth the heart, and looseth the heart, and giveth lust to do the law, and maketh the law a lively thing in the heart. William Tyndale

Paul had an incalculable advantage over Moses. Moses was charged to minister the Law to a stiff-necked people who would not obey it, but Paul was called to

minister in the transforming power of the Spirit to a people who would be empowered to keep the Law as members of the new covenant. Kent Hughes

he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4.14,15

“none of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed”
Ira D. Sankey