

A silhouette of a person sitting on a beach, looking out at the ocean during a sunset. The sky is filled with colorful clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is sitting on the sand, with their hands clasped near their face, suggesting a moment of reflection or prayer.

Finding God's Strength In Your Weakness

Studies in 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

- One of earliest NT books
- 1 of 4 Corinthian letters from Paul
- Cyclical
- Apostolic
- Theme: Finding God's Strength In Your Weakness

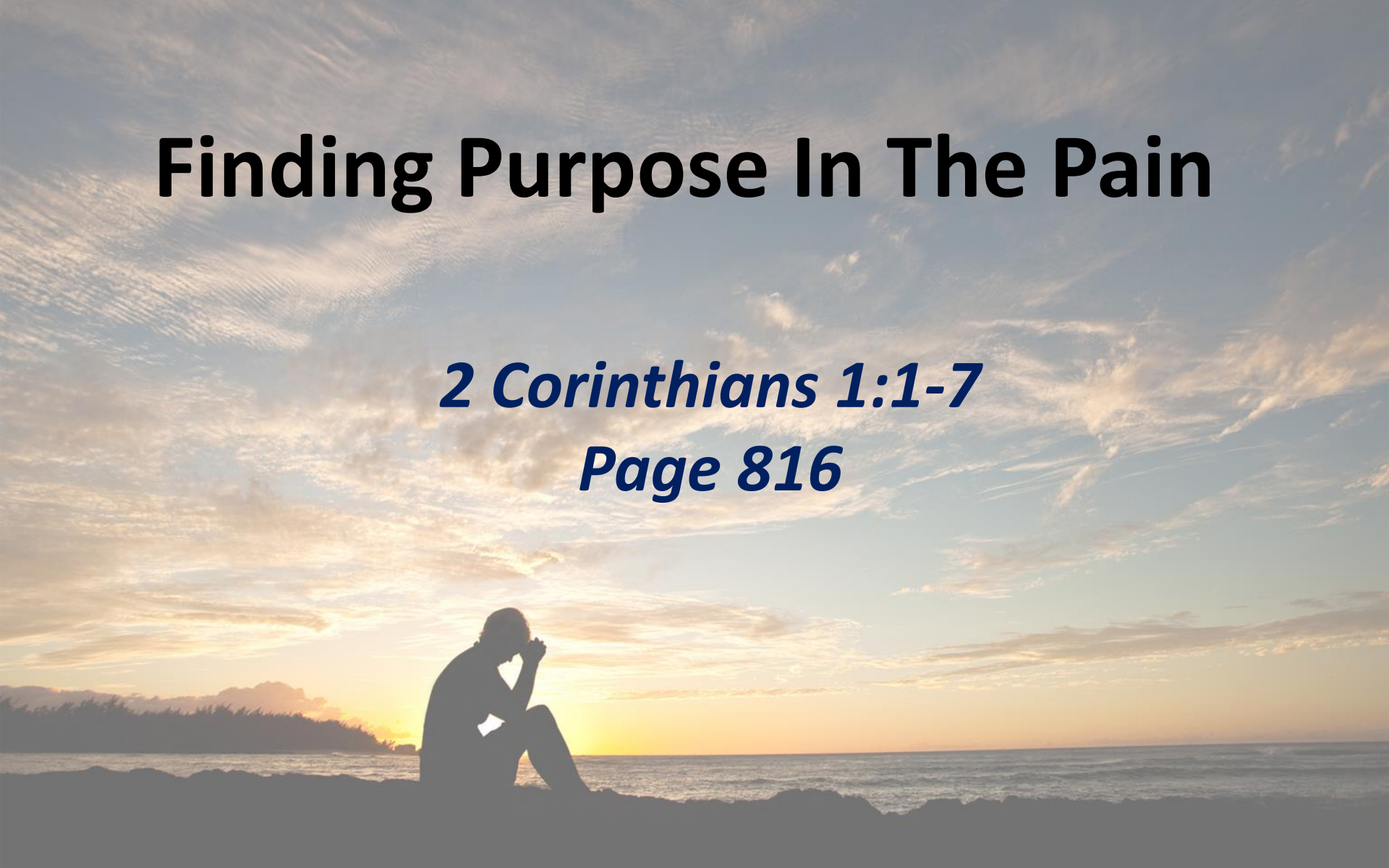
“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong!”

2 Cor 12:9-10

Finding Purpose In The Pain

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

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Remember Who God Is

- What we already know:
- What we sometimes forget
 - ~*Father of compassion:* *Emotion*
 - ~*Father of comfort:* *Action*
- **Father of:** Describes the nature and character of the individual we are referencing



Remember What God Does For Us

- Comforts us: *to come alongside and bring hope strength, peace, and encouragement*
- In All our troubles: *Every kind!*
- Gives us all we need:
 - ~*Grace: Unmerited favor*
 - ~*Peace: Inner calm*
 - ~*Patient endurance: Constance; patient continuance*



Remember What God Can Do Through You

- **The fact:** He comforts
- **The Purpose:** “So that”
- **The Strength:** Not just Sympathy, but Strength!



Understand The Process God Uses To Provide Purpose In Pain

- Meets suffering with grace: vs 5
- Provides His word: Heb 4:12
- Provides others: vs 4
- Provides His hope: vs 7
- Provides Purpose: vs 4 *“So that”*



Purpose In The Pain

“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”

2 Cor 4:10

“if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

Rom 8:17



There Is Purpose In Pain If You Will...

- 1. Call on God for His help and comfort***
- 2. Offer your hurt to help others***

Remember:

***If you don't get it...you can't give it away!
You can't give...what you don't have!***