A person is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky, sitting on a beach and looking out at the ocean. The sky is filled with wispy clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person's hands are clasped near their face, suggesting a moment of reflection or prayer.

# Finding God's Strength In Your Weakness

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# 2 Corinthians

**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:

## Part 2

*2 Corinthians 1:8-11*

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***#1: He comforts us so we can comfort others***

***#2: He allows us to struggle to teach us how to  
rely upon Him and not ourselves***



# Look At What Happened In Paul's Life

- What we don't know

- What we do know

*~Crushed him spiritually*

*Pressed down + Beyond/Above + Strength*

*~Caused him to despair*

*~He resigned himself to death*

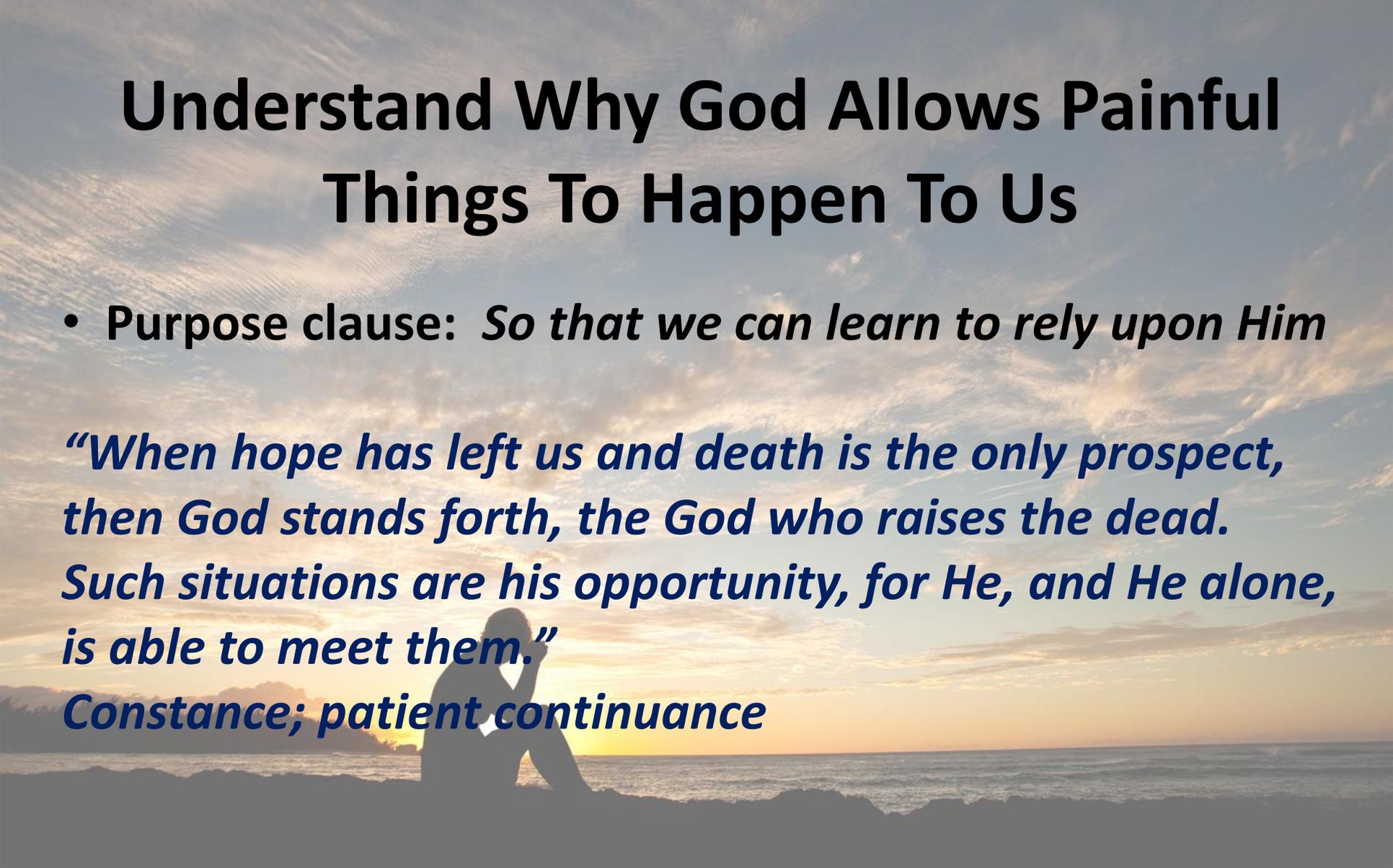


# Understand Why God Allows Painful Things To Happen To Us

- Purpose clause: *So that we can learn to rely upon Him*

*“When hope has left us and death is the only prospect, then God stands forth, the God who raises the dead. Such situations are his opportunity, for He, and He alone, is able to meet them.”*

*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!***