



# Daily Reflections

**June 12, 2017**

## Scripture

### **2 Corinthians 1: 1-7**

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Timothy our brother,  
to the Church of God that is at Corinth,  
with all the holy ones throughout Achaia:  
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of compassion and the God of all encouragement,  
who encourages us in our every affliction,  
so that we may be able to encourage  
those who are in any affliction  
with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.  
For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us,  
so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.  
If we are afflicted,  
it is for your encouragement and salvation;  
if we are encouraged,  
it is for your encouragement,  
which enables you to endure the same sufferings that we suffer.  
Our hope for you is firm,  
for we know that as you share in the sufferings,  
you also share in the encouragement.

## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Paul was an amazing "father" to the Churches he founded throughout the regions of Asia Minor and Greece. In today's text, we get a sample of how Paul did everything to build the faith of his people, including suffering and sacrifice. Paul's loving devotion serves as an example for all who call themselves ministers of the Gospel.

---

### **Food for your Journey**

The hot button today is a question that hangs in the air in corporate boardrooms and at cocktail parties, in IPO road shows and at the kitchen table: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

How much money -- to compensate you for your work? How much time -- to devote to your family? How much public glory -- to satisfy your ego? How much opportunity for private reflection -- to deepen your understanding? How much STUFF is enough for you? And, no matter how much stuff you have, how do you find -- and define -- satisfaction?

But while the question "How much is enough?" may not be new, the velocity, the intensity and the scale of the answers that people can choose from today ARE new. Choices -- in work and in life -- are coming at greater speed, from more directions, and with consequences that are more immediate and more dramatic than ever before.

--"How Much Is Enough?" Fast Company July-August 1999, 110.

Dear Jesus, You called me to pick up my cross and carry it faithfully each day. With the help of Your Grace, keep me faithful to my calling. Amen.