

2 Corinthians Whose Ministry Is It Anyway Ministry Pride

Regarded as the most personal of Paul's weighty and strong" (10:10) letters, the Second Letter to the Corinthians continues to contribute toward the *building up - (13:10) of its readers. The Second Letter to the Corinthians is an implicit yet undeniable plea that Paul addresses to the Christians of Corinth and is impressive above all for its exposition of the apostle's identity. In this letter Paul more than once fiercely counters the attacks of his opponents. He extensively describes both the quality and circumstances of his apostolic existence: the sufferings he endures, the opposition he encounters, and his continual care for the Churches. Second Corinthians is, therefore, highly significant theologically as well as autobiographically. Not an easy letter to follow, the emotional language used in 2 Corinthians, the question of the integrity of 2 Corinthians as a letter, and inadequate information about the concrete situation at Corinth and the identity of Paul's opponents make following the flow of Paul's argument difficult at times. Yet 2 Corinthians is an especially important document because of Paul's ongoing reflection on his ministry. It is both profound in its content and style for its original audience as well as for today's readers. Chapters are *Corinth and Paul's Visits, - *Paul's Corinthian Correspondence, - *Christianity in Corinth, - *The Events Between 1 and 2 Corinthians, - *Paul's Opponents, - *One Integral Letter? - *A Structured Survey of the Letter, - *The Theological Significance of the Letter. -

From the second century to the present, 2 Corinthians offers its riches grudgingly, if at all; and even then it demands only the most careful and attentive inquiries. The Abingdon New Testament Commentaries series provides compact, critical commentaries on the writings of the New Testament. These commentaries are written with special attention to the needs and interests of theological students, but they will also be useful for students in upper-level college or university settings, as well as for pastors and other religious leaders. In addition to providing basic information about the New Testament texts and insights into their meanings, these commentaries are intended to exemplify the tasks and procedures of careful, critical biblical exegesis. "2 Corinthians is a treasure hidden in a thorny thicket. It is so rich, so full of theological insight, so packed with hope and possibility, so aware of dark human tendencies and human vulnerability, and so radical in its reevaluation of what is true and real." From the Introduction Paul's long, complicated history with the Corinthian church culminates in this ardent defense of Christian ministry in general and of his own ministry in particular. In this revised and expanded commentary, Colin Kruse illuminates Paul's contrast of the old and new covenants and his eloquent exposition of the ministry of reconciliation.

An intriguing new interpretation of the paradox at the heart of Paul's understanding of his ministry.

Insights on 1 & 2 Corinthians

II Corinthians

Finding Strength in Weakness

Hand Me Another Brick

60 Bite-Sized Insights

An Introduction and Commentary

The Corinthian church required Paul's repeated care. In 2 Corinthians, he continues his attempt to correct errors of unchristian practice, worship, and doctrine. Concerned with false apostles who were leading the church astray, Paul defended his own authority as God's apostle and sought reconciliation within the church. Respected preacher and Bible teacher John MacArthur presents yet another comprehensive and compelling commentary in his New Testament series.

You grew up using the well known black and yellow striped Cliff's Notes to help you grasp everything from great literary works to algebra. Unfortunately, what "Cliff" forgot was the greatest literary work in history: the complete Holy Bible. Enjoy the ease of understanding the Bible like never before, book by book. Shepherd's notes helps reader's learn about the inspired authors of the Bible books and when and where they were first penned. Each Bible book is revealed in simple understandable steps that outline and underscore the focal points and personalities of the biblical text. You'll look to these unique books for their use in Bible studies, teaching, personal devotions and even in sermon preparation! Christian and home schools will find Shepherd's Notes an invaluable resource.

Do others look to you for leadership? Do you face a major task or shoulder heavy responsibilities? Do you want to take your leadership skills to a higher level? When Nehemiah confronted the task of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall, he was heartbroken by the damage he saw and nearly overwhelmed by the task that lay before him. Yet through the application of timeless leadership principles, Nehemiah completed this nearly impossible project, and laid a pattern for success which is just as valid for us today.

Charles Swindoll brings his sensible and straightforward style to offer a deeply spiritual approach to the role of leader. Whatever the context, secular or ministerial, he demonstrates how to size up a task, organize and motivate a team, and respond to inevitable obstacles such as these: Unforeseen setbacks Unrelenting deadlines Criticism and outside resistance Personality conflicts Financial pressures and temptations The insights that Swindoll draws from Nehemiah's wise administration will change your approach to leadership forever.

This new and refreshing approach to 2 Corinthians shows how exegesis of the New Testament writing can issue in theology that is relevant to today. Beginning with an account of the essential thrust of the text, the authors argue for the unity of the letter, setting it against both its Jewish and Hellenistic backgrounds, and examining questions of meaning and reference in the interpretation of particular passages. They then consider how the text can be illuminated by the modern study of hermeneutics, as well as by new sociological approaches. The whole study reaches its climax with an assessment of Paul's authority then and now, and the importance of what he says about God. To conclude, the authors provide their own vivid and compelling translation of Paul's words, inviting a complete rereading of the letter in the light of all that has gone before.

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Cornerstone Biblical Commentary, 1 - 2 Corinthians

The Call to Reconciliation

The Classic Bestseller on Living the Life of Faith with Integrity

1,2 Corinthians

A Ministry Anyone Could Trust

The Life Application Bible Commentary series is the only commentary to offer sermon and lesson applications alongside

stirring commentary. This volume provides in-depth explanation, background, and application for every verse in the books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Perfect for sermon preparation and lesson planning, this one-of-a-kind reference provides excellent quotes and a bibliography for additional commentary. Additional features include: Charts, diagrams, and maps on the same page as their related verses Quotes from various versions, such as the NIV, NRSV, and NLT Key information graphically highlighted

After spending eighteen months in Corinth helping to establish a church, the apostle Paul moved on in his mission to build more churches in Asia Minor. But back in Corinth, false teachers began to infiltrate the church, and they were intent on ruining Paul's character and ministry. This threatened to separate and create chaos among this once-unified body. Paul wrote this intensely personal and biographical letter to defend his ministry and integrity against the slanderous attacks. Like a seasoned attorney, he deals firmly with the false teachers and their followers by focusing primarily on Christ, while embracing his own weaknesses and imperfections. As a powerful reminder for struggling and maligned believers everywhere, Paul quotes the Savior: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." The MacArthur Bible Studies provide intriguing examinations of the whole of Scripture. Each guide incorporates extensive commentary, detailed observations on overriding themes, and probing questions to help you study the Word of God with guidance from John MacArthur.

In this eleven-session LifeGuide® Bible Study, Paul Stevens introduces you to the apostle Paul and his radical reliance on a God who can turn even human weakness into divine strength.

This phrase-by-phrase commentary and exposition of the New Testament books of 2 Corinthians and Galatians is in use as a college textbook, yet is suitable for lay church members. 2 Corinthians and Galatians were written by Paul during the same time period of his life, to two different churches wrestling with similar, thorny issues. The threat to New Testament Christianity posed by the Judaizers is rightly framed by information learned from 2 Corinthians and Galatians. Time and again in 2 Corinthians, Paul emphasizes his apostolic message and apostolic authority, and insists that the new covenant gospel message which reflects the truths Jesus taught during His earthly ministry is what is now to be preached. The new covenant Scriptures are to be treated as our rule of faith and practice. In Galatians, Paul examines what is involved in the faith that God looks for as He would justify men who have sinned. Is it faith alone (i.e., knowledge, assent, and trust), or is it a faith that includes obedience to what God has said? In his words to Peter - "a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 2:16) - Paul persuasively proves that the faith that saves is habitually doing what God says, not walking by man-made religious rules. The Judaizers who championed rules like the Pharisees taught were distorting the gospel message as preached by Jesus' apostles (Galatians 1:7). This commentary is conservative evangelical Christian in outlook, yet skillfully examines the Scriptures from multiple theological viewpoints. Introductory Studies cover authorship and attestation, place and date of writing, original target audience to whom the letters were addressed, and the original purpose for writing. Two extended Special Studies address issues crucial to our understanding of how God deals with people He would save: Readers are introduced to the Dead Sea Scroll referred to as 4QMMT and the subject "works of the Law." The study demonstrates how 4QMMT helps us rightly understand Paul's contrast of faith v. works of the Law. Justification by Faith is given extended treatment, and key theological questions are addressed. Biblically, what is "justification" and what is "faith"? Is sola fides (faith alone) the condition upon which God justifies sinful men? How and how often is justification applied to men by God? And how has our understanding of the New Testament been impacted by the New Perspective on Paul that has dominated theological discussions for the past 30+ years? Since this commentary presumes the God-inspired nature of all Biblical writing, the author seeks to harmonize the teachings of 2 Corinthians and Galatians with other relevant Scriptures, and also helpfully examines the original language in which the epistles were written. An annotated bibliography of other commentaries on 2 Corinthians and Galatians encourages readers to extend their own studies. This commentary continues the author's series on the books of the New Testament, and is written from the unique standpoint of the Restoration Movement, a position which allows him to approach Scripture with no special theological doctrine or dogma to defend and explicate. This approach provides an unhindered freedom to listen to what the Holy Spirit would tell us within the pages of sacred Scripture. By deliberately employing the time-honored grammatico-historical method of interpretation, the Word of God is allowed to impress upon our minds the intent the Divine Author had in mind. The author is Professor Emeritus at Central Christian College of the Bible (Moberly, MO).

God's Masterwork

Strength in Weakness

Straight to the Heart of 1 & 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians, Volume 40

1 & 2 Corinthians-KJV

General editor Lloyd J. Ogilvie brings together a team of skilled and exceptional communicators to blend sound scholarship with life-related illustrations. The design for the Preacher's Commentary gives the reader an overall outline of each book of the Bible. Following the introduction, which reveals the author's approach and salient background on the book, each chapter of the commentary provides the Scripture to be explicated. The New King James Bible has been chosen for the Preacher's Commentary because it combines with integrity the beauty of language, underlying Hebrew and Greek textual basis, and thought-flow of the 1611 King James Version, while replacing obsolete verb forms and other archaisms with their everyday contemporary counterparts for greater readability. Reverence for God is preserved in the capitalization of all pronouns referring to the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. Readers who are more comfortable with another translation can readily find the parallel passage by means of the chapter and verse reference at the end of each passage being explicated. The paragraphs of exposition combine fresh insights to the Scripture, application, rich illustrative material, and innovative ways of utilizing the vibrant truth for his or her own life and for the challenge of communicating it with vigor and vitality.

During Paul's ministry, Corinth was a newly rebuilt, bustling, important city in the Roman Empire. It

was a place full of pride, individualism, wealth, and religious pluralism. No wonder its inhabitants held little regard for Paul's message! Sound familiar? Our contemporary culture has much in common with ancient Corinth. The relevance of this book to churches today is astounding. Paul delivers powerful theology that turns the values of the ancient Roman world upside-down—the grace of God, the centrality of the cross, and God's power made perfect in weakness. He challenges us to live counterculturally. In this commentary on 2 Corinthians, Pastor R. Kent Hughes carefully examines this letter from the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth, continuing to provide rich biblical insight for the body of Christ. Part of the *Preaching the Word* series.

Straight to the Heart is a series of devotional commentaries for those who appreciate the insights and sound research found in commentaries but find scholarly writing dry and lacking in personal application. The books in the series do not cover the whole text, but focus on key sections which communicate the main themes of each book. Although the tone is light, the text is full of useful application and backed by substantial scholarship. Its clear, thought-provoking insights will feed both mind and soul.

This commentary on II Corinthians in the *New Testament Library* continues the exemplary quality of the series. Frank Matera provides a commentary that is a close study of the backgrounds and language of the text while also providing important theological insights into the message of Paul for his time and for the contemporary church. The *New Testament Library* offers authoritative commentary on every book and major aspect of the New Testament, as well as classic volumes of scholarship. The commentaries in this series provide fresh translations based on the best available ancient manuscripts, offer critical portrayals of the historical world in which the books were created, pay careful attention to their literary design, and present a theologically perceptive exposition of the text.

A Critical & Exegetical Commentary
Second Edition

An Introduction to 2 Corinthians
2 Corinthians MacArthur New Testament Commentary
A Minister Everyone Would Respect
II Thessalonians Through Revelation

Danny Hodges became the senior pastor of a young church fellowship known as Calvary Chapel in St. Petersburg, Florida, in April of 1984. Three years later when he was introduced to Pastor Chuck Smith and the Calvary Chapel movement, he felt an immediate sense of being at home and was grateful to God for leading him to this network of churches that upheld a simple, biblical philosophy of ministry and well-balanced doctrine. Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg soon became a fellowship of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, and since that time God has steadily grown the ministry from a handful of mostly young single adults to a large church full of families. It has been exciting to see God's Spirit bring many to salvation through Jesus Christ, see lives change and mature in the Lord, see relationships bloom and grow, see ministries evolve and prosper, see a hunger for the Word of God and see a passionate desire to win the lost to Jesus. Pastor Danny and his wife, Wendy, consider it an honor to serve this growing body of believers together with their four children, Tanner, Hayden, Jairus and Audra.

The young church in Corinth was making a disheartening discovery: Believers are not immune from trials and pain. Drawing from his own personal struggles, the apostle Paul sent the congregation a remarkable message of encouragement and comfort. Based on his second letter to the Corinthians, this study explores the reality of suffering, the promise of the new covenant, and the hope available to every believer. The Wiersbe Bible Studies Series explores timeless wisdom found in God's word. Based on Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe's popular "BE" series, each study provides topical, relevant insights from selected books of the Bible. Designed for small groups, this eight-week study features selected commentaries from BE Encouraged, engaging questions, and practical applications, all designed to help you connect God's word with your life.

Evidence Unseen is the most accessible and careful though through response to most current attacks against the Christian worldview.

Extend the Compassion and Grace of Jesus Jesus came to serve, sacrifice, and die. His humble lifestyle flies in the face of the conventional wisdom of a society that is fixated on getting more and scraping our way to the top. Not only did the Savior model a life of extraordinary service, he called his followers to join him in this mission. In 2 Corinthians we find a pathway to Jesus-like living. Paul calls us to align our hearts and lives with the way of the Savior and offer authentic love, amazing grace, extravagant generosity, and humble service. As we do this, we are shaped into the image of the One who served so hard he ended up on a cross.

A Navpress Bible Study on the Book of 2 Corinthians
Remembering What Matters
Life-Study of 2 Corinthians
God Can Turn Your Trials into Triumphs
Power in Weakness

Abingdon New Testament Commentaries | 2 Corinthians

The cost of being Christ's disciples... Follow Dr. Jeremiah through the book of 2 Corinthians in a chapter-by-chapter study that will help you understand what it meant to the people at the time it was written, and what it means to Christians today. The apostle Paul founded many churches in the Roman Empire, including one in the prominent city of Corinth. But after personally ministering to them for years, he is saddened to discover that he's being viciously slandered and ridiculed by adversaries who have arrived in the region. Paul responds by penning a second letter to them, defending not only his authority as an apostle of Christ but also the truth of the gospel he had so painstakingly modelled in their midst. Paul's words reveal the cost of following Christ—and the ultimate rewards that await those who are faithful to Jesus. Each of this study's twelve lessons is clearly organized to include: **Getting Started: An opening question to introduce you to the lesson. **Setting the Stage:** A short reflection to explain the context of the study. **Exploring the Text:** The Scripture reading for the lesson with related study questions. **Reviewing the Story:** Questions to help you identify key points in the reading. **Applying the Message:** Questions to help you apply the key ideas to their lives. Reflecting on the**

Meaning: A closing reflection on the key teachings in the lesson. –ABOUT THE SERIES– The Jeremiah Bible Study Series captures Dr. David Jeremiah's forty-plus years of commitment in teaching the Word of God. In each study, you'll gain insights into the text, identify key stories and themes, and be challenged to apply the truths you uncover to your life. By the end of each study, you'll come away with a clear and memorable understanding of that Bible book. Each study also contains a Leader's Guide.

Pastors and students will appreciate this new edition with its up-to-date bibliography and discussion of pertinent issues. In this full revision and update of the book of Second Corinthians, Dr. Ralph P. Martin addresses the scholarly questions about the text of the epistle and the significance of Paul's thought for Christian living and ministry. In a penetrating analysis of Paul's responses to the various crises within the Corinthian congregation, Dr. Martin gives insight into the particular problems of Christianity as expressed in the hedonistic, cosmopolitan setting of Corinth. He shows how Paul's attempt to clearly distinguish the gospel from Hellenistic Judaism and Hellenistic Jewish Christian ideology results in a moving statement of the Christian message. Rather than the "theology of glory" prevalent in Corinth, Paul articulates his theology of the Cross as a "theology of weakness," of servanthood and ministry. What was at stake at Corinth, says Dr. Martin, was "nothing less than the essence of the kerygma as in expressed in the way of the cross. . . for proclamation and daily living." New sections on the Collection and Rhetoric have been added, and the issues of Composition and Social Setting of the letter have been included, along with topics such as the Spirit, the Opponents, Paul's Theology, and the Resurrection in this epistle. The Word Biblical Commentary series offers the best in critical scholarship firmly committed to the authority of Scripture as divine revelation. It is perfect for scholars, students of the Bible, ministers, and anyone who wants a theological understanding of Scripture.

Insights on 1 & 2 Corinthians NavPress

In a world that idolizes celebrity and success, 2 Corinthians remains one of our most vital and significant reminders that it is not human strength but God's power that paves the way for victory in the spiritual realm. In this accessible and relevant book, Jonathan Lamb explores key lessons for authentic Christian ministry, including the role of suffering in strengthening our dependence on God, the necessity of both discipline and forgiveness in our church communities, and the centrality of union with Christ for all true Christian witness. *Strength in Weakness* will prove a valuable resource for pastors, small group leaders, and anyone seeking to grow in reliance on God. It provides a variety of tools for personal study or group teaching, including an introduction with practical suggestions for how to use the text, clear headings for easy navigation, and questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter. Information boxes with further background on context, key themes, and important points of doctrine are also provided for those desiring to dig deeper into related topics.

Authentic Christianity

A Study of 2 Corinthians 8-13

Power Through Weakness

A 12-Week Study

1 and 2 Corinthians

Evidence Unseen

Confidence in a ministry hinges on respect for the minister. Few people understood this truth better than the apostle Paul. In the latter half of his second letter to the Corinthian Christians, he spells out the crucial importance of ministering in a way that fosters trust. And by using his own life as an example, he gives us more than an unforgettable autobiography - he gives us a model worth emulating.

The Knowing the Bible series is a resource designed to help Bible readers better understand and apply God's Word. These 12-week studies lead participants through books of the Bible and are made up of four basic components: (1) reflection questions help readers engage the text at a deeper level; (2) "Gospel Glimpses" highlight the gospel of grace throughout the book; (3) "Whole-Bible Connections" show how any given passage connects to the Bible's overarching story of redemption, culminating in Christ; and (4) "Theological Soundings" identify how historic orthodox doctrines are taught or reinforced throughout Scripture. With contributions from an array of influential pastors and church leaders, these gospel-centered studies will help Christians see and cherish the message of God's grace on every page of the Bible. In his second letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul defends the authenticity of his authority and teaching, helping his readers see that the gospel is full of seemingly paradoxical truths—strength from weakness, life through death, and comfort in affliction. Highlighting how the gospel confronts our own culture's expectations and drawing implications for all of life, Dane C. Ortlund helps us discover the truth that the gospel humbles the powerful while strengthening the weak

2 Corinthians is part of The Christian Standard Commentary (CSC) series. This commentary series focuses on the theological and exegetical concerns of each biblical book, while paying careful attention to balancing rigorous scholarship with practical application. This series helps the reader understand each biblical book's theology, its place in the broader narrative of Scripture, and its importance for the church today. Drawing on the wisdom and skills of dozens of evangelical authors, the CSC is a tool for enhancing and supporting the life of the church. What if you could study 1 & 2 Corinthians with your favorite Bible scholars from across the ages? With The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible, you can! This unique resource is designed to empower pastors and leaders to effectively preach and teach God's Word. This is much more than a commentary - it takes the best scholarly works available and combines them in a single resource. Inside each volume of The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible, you'll find: A verse-by-verse

outline alongside each passage of Scripture that draws out key concepts. In-depth commentary synthesized from hundreds of trusted sources, including Matthew Henry, John MacArthur, Charles Spurgeon...and many more. Thoughts designed to provide practical application of Scripture for your congregation. Deeper studies that expand on original Greek sources, provide historical background, and explain key points. An Outline & Subject Index designed for topical study - perfect for quickly creating messages on a particular theme. There's a volume of The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible series for nearly any sermon you can imagine. Explore the full series on our website at lmw.org.

*An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture
Stories of Calvary*

The Wiersbe Bible Study Series: 2 Corinthians

A Study of 2 Corinthians 1-7

2 Corinthians

Second Corinthians

Ray Stedman's passion encourages you to be an authentic Christian—to move you beyond religion, doctrines, rules, and rituals—and into the life-changing experience of being genuinely and intimately connected with Christ. Authentic Christianity takes a look at 2 Corinthians to show you how to live a life of faith with integrity and regain the purpose, simplicity, and inspiration of genuine faith—the kind of life that compels others to seek its Source.

The *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary* provides students, pastors, and laypeople with up-to-date, evangelical scholarship on the Old and New Testaments. It's designed to equip pastors and Christian leaders with exegetical and theological knowledge to better understand and apply God's word by presenting the message of each passage as well as an overview of other issues surrounding the text.

In this addition to the award-winning BECNT series, a respected New Testament scholar offers a substantive evangelical commentary on 2 Corinthians. George Guthrie leads readers through the intricacies of literary structure, word meanings, cultural backdrop, and theological proclamation, offering insights applicable to modern ministry contexts. As with all BECNT volumes, this commentary features the author's detailed interaction with the Greek text; extensive research; thoughtful, chapter-by-chapter exegesis; and an acclaimed, user-friendly design. It admirably achieves the dual aims of the series--academic sophistication with pastoral sensitivity and accessibility--making it a useful tool for pastors, church leaders, students, and teachers.

Most Bible commentaries take us on a one-way trip from our world to the world of the Bible. But they leave us there, assuming that we can somehow make the return journey one our own. In other words, they focus on the original meaning of the passage but don't discuss its contemporary applications. The information they offer is valuable -- but the job is only half done! The NIV Application Commentary Series helps us with both halves of the interpretive task. This new and unique series shows readers how to bring an ancient message into modern context. It explains not only what the Bible meant but also how it can speak powerfully today.

Life Lessons from 2 Corinthians

Taking Ministry Personally

A Commentary

2 Corinthians (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament)

Words from a Caring Shepherd

Serving from the Heart

Corinth, a diverse, cosmopolitan city sitting at a strategic center of commerce for both Greece and the wider Roman Empire, was known for its decadence and wealth. In his commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians, Chuck Swindoll explores how Paul took the Corinthian church to task for taking on the character of the city instead of the character of Christ. As Chuck shows, the message of Paul to the Corinthians is greatly needed by the Church today. The 15-volume Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary series draws on Gold Medallion Award-winner Chuck Swindoll's 50 years of experience studying and preaching God's Word. His deep insight, signature easygoing style, and humor bring a warmth and practical accessibility not often found in commentaries. Each volume combines verse-by-verse commentary, charts, maps, photos, key terms, and background articles with practical application. The newly updated volumes now include parallel presentations of the NLT and NASB before each section. This series is a must-have for pastors, teachers, and anyone else who is seeking a deeply practical resource for exploring God's Word.

Some days we just forget. We forget the house keys. We forget the directions. We forget to return a friend's phone call. And sometimes, we forget that we belong to Jesus. It's not intentional, but it happens. The church in Corinth had forgotten. They were divisive. Insensitive. Argumentative. Rebellious. They listened to false teachers who questioned the message of Christ and who accused Paul of being unreliable and a false apostle. Paul knew the Corinthian church needed a reminder, so he wrote a heartfelt letter defending his character, ministry, and message. The letter reminds the Corinthians to turn from their worldly ways and to think and live in ways that honor God. Likewise, Paul's letter encourages us to look at our own lives so we won't forget what really matters. The Life Lessons with Max Lucado series brings the Bible to life in twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word. Each lesson includes an opening reflection, background information, an excerpt of the text (from the New International and New King James versions), exploration questions, inspirational thoughts from Max, and a closing takeaway for further reflection. The Life Lessons series is ideal for use in both a small-group setting or for individual study. The Life Lessons with Max Lucado series is ideal for use in both a small-group setting or for individual study.

The church in Corinth was divided. Some people followed the gospel and others believed the teachings of false apostles. The Apostle Paul wrote a second letter to the Corinthians to defend the gospel of Christ by forcefully reminding his reader that what he taught was God's truth. This Bible study of the book of 2 Corinthians shows

how Paul provides an example to Christians today who must defend their own leadership in times of trouble. • Personal study between meetings • 13 sessions • Includes study aids and discussion questions

THE NEW AMERICAN COMMENTARY is for the minister or Bible student who wants to understand and expound the Scriptures. Notable features include: * commentary based on THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION; * the NIV text printed in the body of the commentary; * sound scholarly methodology that reflects capable research in the original languages; * interpretation that emphasizes the theological unity of each book and of Scripture as a whole; * readable and applicable exposition.

Paul's Understanding of the Christian Ministry in 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians: The Christian Standard Commentary

Shepherd's Notes: 2 Corinthians

Meaning and Truth in Second Corinthians

Exposing the Myth of Blind Faith

2 Corinthians and Galatians

This is volume 5 of Charles Swindoll's walk through the Bible, entitled God's Masterworks. These lessons deal with the books of 2 Thessalonians through Revelation.