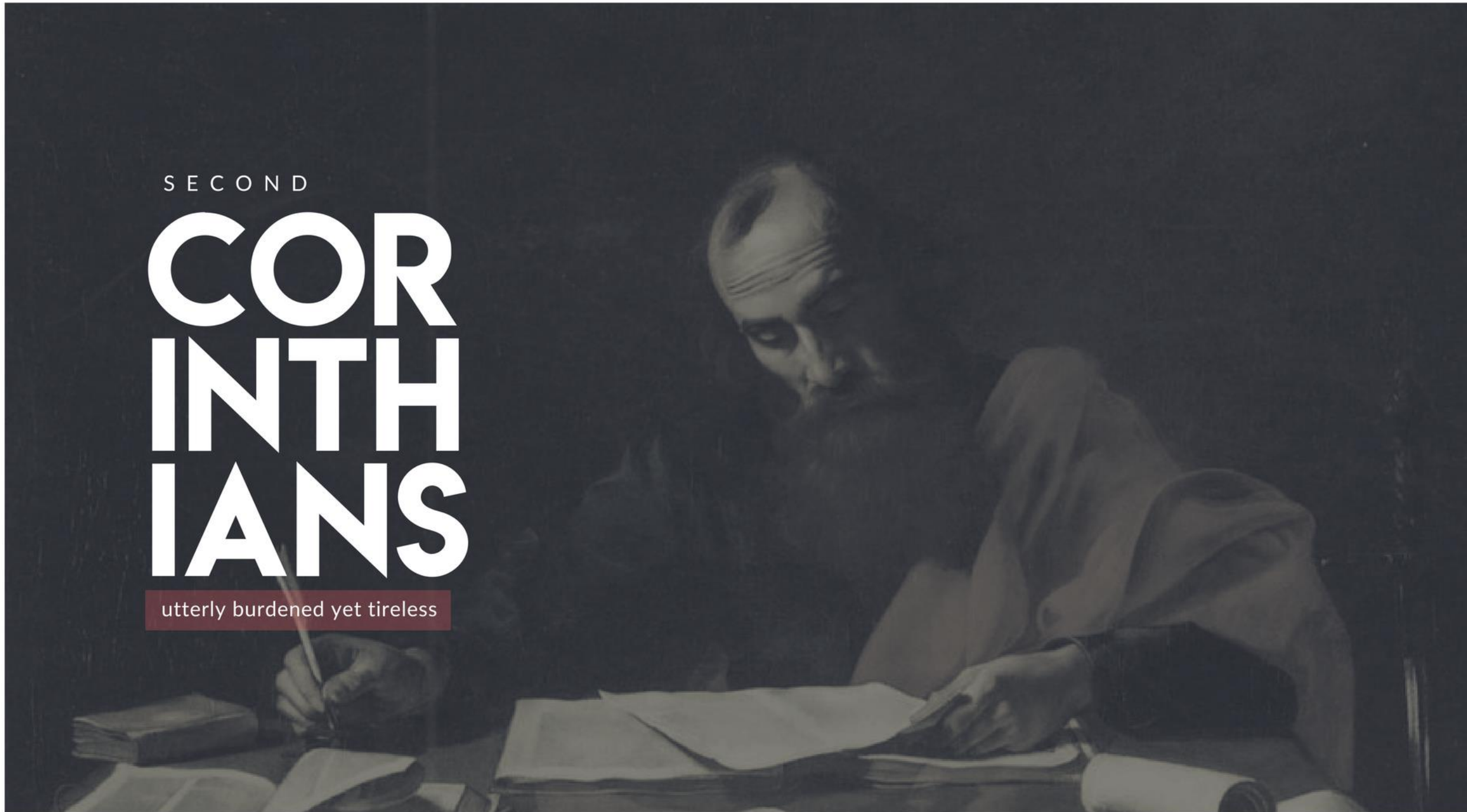


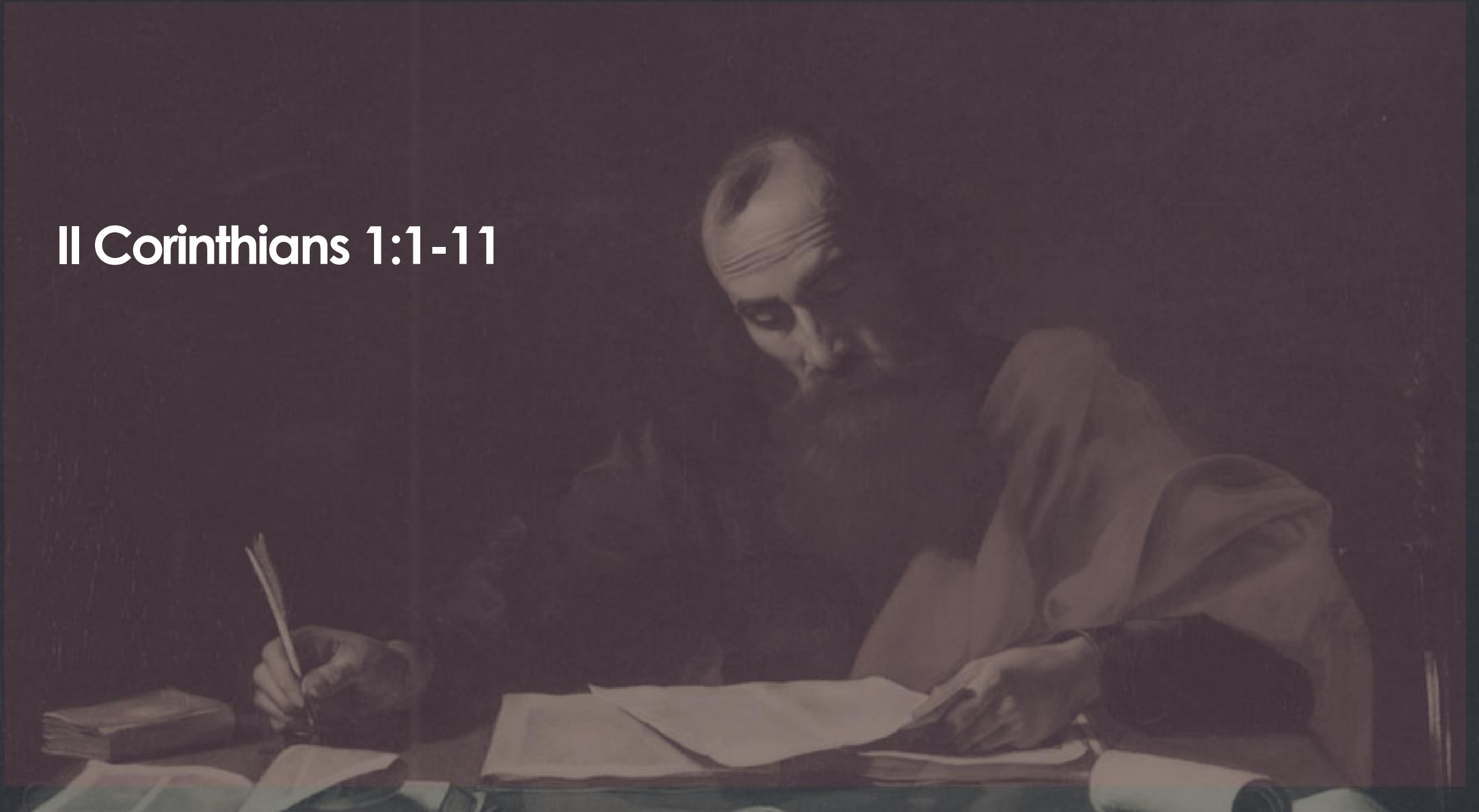
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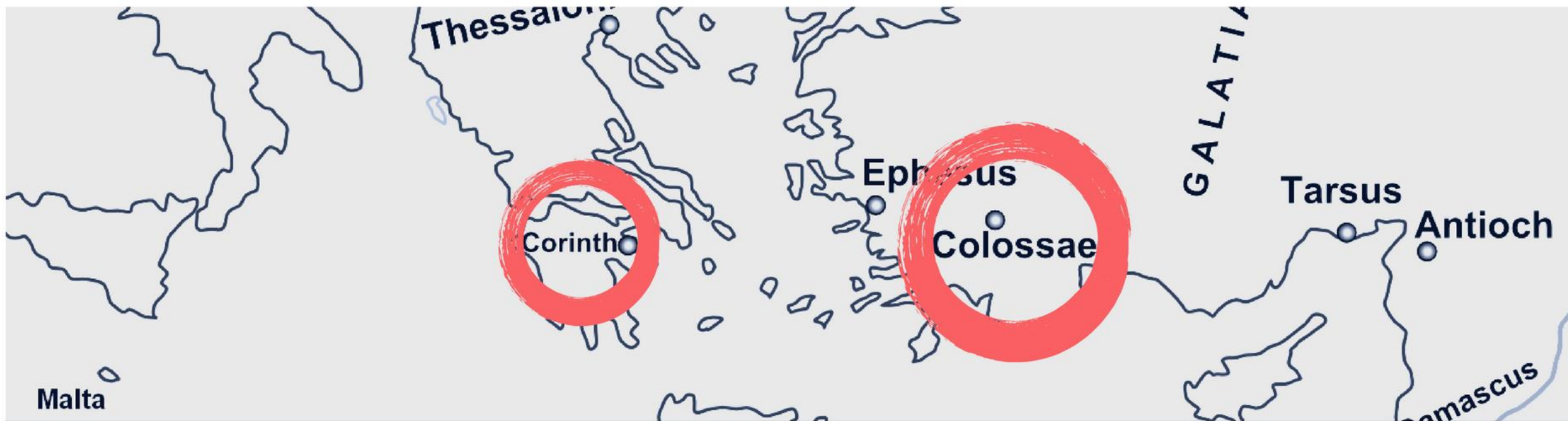
II Corinthians 1:1-11





Corinth. • Athens

- The church that he originally built on his 2nd missionary Journey
- The people he lived with for 18 months on that 1st trip
- The people he literally lead to a saving knowledge of Jesus
- The church he has visited 2x already before writing II Corinthians
- The people he has already written multiple letters to trying to lead them & help



Upon his release he took his scars to Colossae & stayed with a friend named Philemon in his guest house

It is the middle of 56AD



”

For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. [2] For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? [3] And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. [4] For I wrote to you out of much affliction & anguish of heart & with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

II Cor. 2:1-4



200 miles North
Paul travels to
Troas wondering if
Titus is there



Paul presses on
further to
Macedonia,
Philippi, &
Thessalonica



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For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn— fighting without & fear within.

II Cor. 7:5

A painting of a man with a beard, wearing a white robe, sitting at a desk and writing with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with the man's face and hands illuminated. A large red quotation mark is positioned on the left side of the image.

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But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, [7] and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

II Cor. 7:6-7

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II Cor. 7:7-16

A dark, moody painting of a man with a beard, likely a historical figure, sitting at a desk and writing with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with the man's face and hands illuminated by a soft light. The background is dark and textured.

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You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of
Your presence and the pleasures of living with You
forever.

Ps. 16:11



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- Paul doesn't just assume people know where he is at
- Paul leans into this struggle with others



What posture should we take when we struggle?

- I. Posture of transparency in struggle
- II. Posture of Assumption about God

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II Cor. 7:6



What posture should we take when we struggle?

- I. Posture of transparency in struggle
- II. Posture of Assumption about God
- III. Posture of purpose in pain



Closing thoughts:

- I. What have you been thru & are you ever aware to watch for God to bring you across others in this same pain?
- II. What are you going thru now & are you making yourself aware that God is
 - a) there,
 - b) faithful, and
 - c) will make life out of death, gold out of dirt?