

Epistles to the

Corinthians

Love

&

Light

Lesson Eight

2nd Corinthians 1:1-13:14



"Let light shine out of darkness"



"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

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Lesson Eight Day One

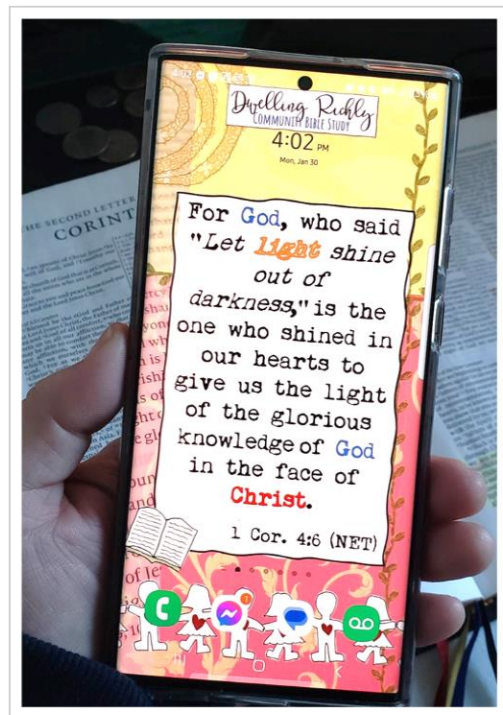
...Day by Day...

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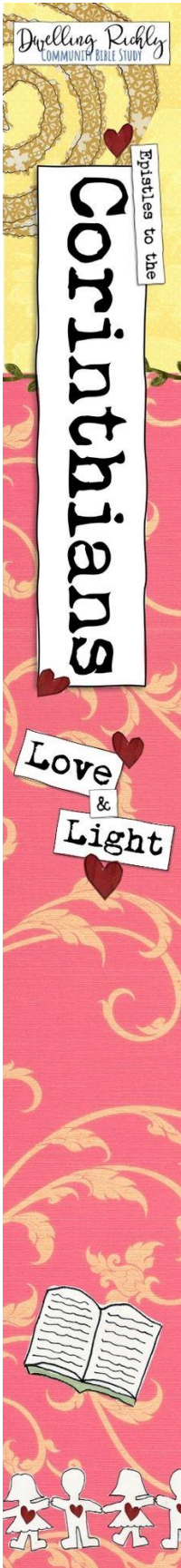
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...Meditate & Memorize...

Welcome to Lesson 8 and the beginning of 2 Corinthians! There are so many wonderful truths throughout this beautiful letter from Paul. For this lesson we'll memorize together [2 Corinthians 4:6](#). Keep God's Word handy and in front of you with this wallpaper. You can download it to your phone here: www.jennifergrichmond.com/wallpapers/



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...Quiet Time...

- **Shhhh...** Breathe. Pray. Reflect and prepare quietly on your own and allow others to do the same.

1. **Thinking Back...** We've just finished 1 Corinthians. What are some thoughts that stand out to you as you think back?

Something you knew going in but have a better or changed perspective on now...

Something that convicted or encouraged you...

Something that you are still feeling challenged about or are not sure you still understand...










(As time permits, we'll be sharing these responses after Grace Groups or during Q&R.)

2. **Q & R Time** follows the teaching time. If you have questions for Pastor Jennifer, you can make a note of those here. You can also jot questions down that come up during Grace Groups.

3. **Get Ready.** Read the Grace Group questions on the next page and think about your responses. Pray for your Grace Group leader and others in this study.

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...Grace Group... ..Guidelines.

1.  **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the New English Translation (NET) Bible for this study, but you can use any trustworthy Bible translation (not a paraphrase) to study from.
2.  **We come from varying religious & political backgrounds.** Remember: 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.'
3.  **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible** - do your own thinking. Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.
4.  **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.
5.  **This is a Bible study** - not a personal-opinion group. So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers in keeping with the truth of God's Word.
6.  **Share or Listen.** You don't have to share, but if you did the reading and responded to that prompt, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share!
7.  **Done or Not Done...Come.** Didn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay, you! This will be a good week for you to listen and be encouraged by others.
8.  **Be considerate.** Share your thoughts on questions you completed and allow time for others to do the same - limit yourself to about 2 minutes maximum and try to stay on topic. Your group leader will help with that.
9.  **Pray.** Pray when you arrive, while you're in Grace Groups, during teaching time. Pray for your understanding to grow. Pray for your Grace Group leaders. Pray for one another. Let's be women who go to the Father for one another and seek His face together.

..Discussion.

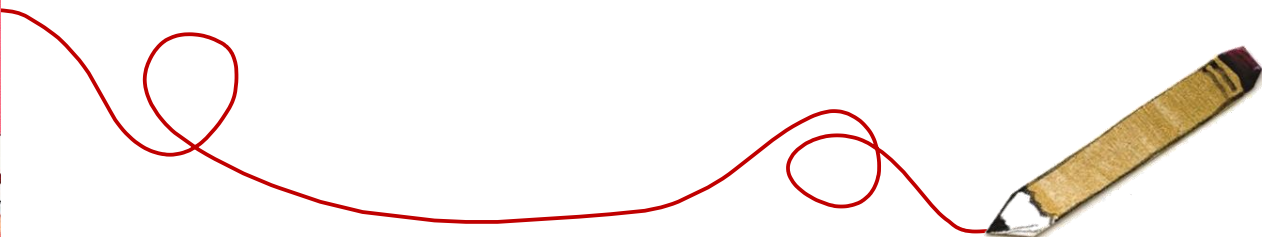
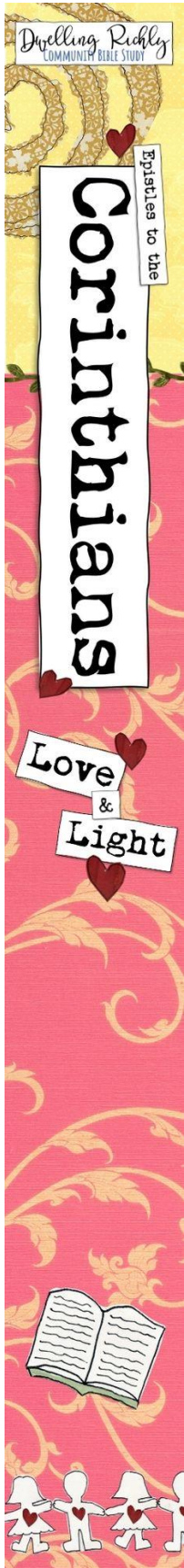
If you have not completed Lesson 7, please enjoy listening and learning from others and sharing only as time and your group leader permits.

**Prompts that are open to all are noted with an asterisk.*

- Day One...** *Thinking Back - Share a point from our last time together from the message or Q&R time that helped you understand and think well about the passage we covered - pg 164 from Lesson 7.
- Day Two...** *Which verse did you select to memorize? Why?
- Day Three...** Pages 165-166, #s 1, 9
- Day Four...** Pages 167-168, #s 1, 8
- Day Five...** Pages 169-172, #s 1, 4*, 7, 12
- Day Six...** Pages 173-174, #s 2, 7, 9
- Day Seven...** Pages 175-176, #s 3, 7
- Day Eight...** Pages 177-178, #s 2, 10
- Day Nine...** Pages 179-180, #s 2, 5*, 10
- Day Ten...** Read then share your "Create & Share"

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Take Notes Here – You can also watch or listen to this teaching session any time on the Dwelling Richly podcast (iTunes, Spotify, any podcast app) or [YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond](https://www.youtube.com/c/JenniferRichmond)



Lesson Eight Day Two

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray.** Pray for your Grace Group as we all begin this new lesson through God's Word.
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate.** Memorize 2 Corinthians 4:6 and write it as you begin each day of this lesson.
- ☐ **Simply Read.** [2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4](#)
- ☐ **Peek Ahead:** As usual, today's a good day to look ahead and plan for the Create and Share on Day Ten.

...Read & Engage...

Welcome Back to Corinth! In this lesson you'll be reading through a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to Christians in Corinth, the capital city of Achaia about 40 miles west of Athens. Today, we say, "2nd Corinthians" and refer to it as a "book of the Bible", but in A.D. 55 when Paul was writing, this was called an epistle or letter to a church community that Paul had established on his missionary trip through Asia. Paul knew these Christians personally. He was aware of the issues going on in their community and he had great love and concern for them. You felt this passion in First Corinthians and you will feel it even more personally in this letter. In fact, as you read you'll find out more about Paul as a person than any other letter in the Bible. The doctrines of our faith are woven in and through Paul's testimony. This is a more personal account and you'll be blessed hearing from Paul's own heart in this letter. I found it to be inspiring, relatable, and astounding as I thought about all that Paul went through and how passionate and faithful he remained. The goal of this lesson is to give you an overview of this letter. We won't be digging in just yet.

This is more of a fly-over and the lessons to come will be a driving tour.

Use a highlighter to note people, places, key verses as you read through these chapters.

- **The Point.** Read 2nd Corinthians. Don't allow yourself to become overwhelmed with the content. We will study 2nd Corinthians for the next several weeks - for now, simply read and let the Word of God dwell in you.
- **Big Picture.** Focus on grasping the "big picture" idea. What do you read about the nature of God? Any key words or themes? What surprises you? Confuses you? What connections are you making with other concepts in the Bible?
- **Ask:** "How does this passage point to the theme of "Love & Light"?"
- **Knowing God...** **The most important thing** you'll ever know from the Bible is understanding the character and nature of God. Look for ways that God is revealed in every passage you read. Make it your aim to know Him.

As you read, use the table to organize details from each category. There may not be a detail in each passage, so leave it blank or create your own category for that passage if that is helpful.

	PEOPLE/PLACES	TRUTH ABOUT GOD	BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS	MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS
1:1-11				

yellow -- key ideas
orange -- memory verses
blue -- God/Holy Spirit
brown -- people
green -- places
pink -- prophecy
red -- Jesus

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	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
1:12-14				
1:15-2:4	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

→ **Focus Box.** What would be a good title for today's passages? Write that in the "Focus" box at the beginning of today's lesson.

Lesson Eight Day Three

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray.** Thank God for His call in your life, how you first hear the Gospel, and for saving you.
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate.** Write your verse and share with the group if you haven't already.
- ☐ **Simply Read:** [2 Corinthians 2:5-3:11](#)

...Read & Engage...

- Map it.** Draw a basic map of the area where Corinth was/is located. Use a map from your Bible or other resource to help. Note each of the cities or regions mentioned from 1:1-3:11

	PEOPLE/PLACES	TRUTH ABOUT GOD	BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS	MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS
2:5-11	(not named specifically)			

Lesson Eight Day Three

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
2:12-17				
3:1-11	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Picture Scripture.** What image came to mind as you were reading today's passages? Describe or draw that here:

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3. **Today's Focus.** Go back to the "Focus" box on the previous page and write a fitting title for today's passages.

Lesson Eight Day Four

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray.** Mediate on the hope you have because of Jesus
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate.** Ask God to help you grasp His words to you in this verse.
- ☐ **Simply Read:** [2 Corinthians 3:12-4:18](#)

...Read & Engage...

1. **Who was Moses?** Before reading, note 3-5 details you already know or might know about Moses:

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
3:12-18				
4:1-6	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

Lesson Eight Day Four

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
4:7-12				
4:13-18	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Picture Scripture.** Draw or describe a key visual from any of today's passages. Then, in the "Focus" box write a summary title for today.

Lesson Eight Day Five

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ Pause & Pray.
- ☐ Memorize & Meditate.
- ☐ Simply Read: [2 Corinthians 5:1-6:13](#)

...Read & Engage...

1. **What's Next?** What happens when people die? Based on your understanding of Scripture write what you know about this:

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
5:1-10				

Lesson Eight Day Five

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
5:11-19				
5:20-6:11	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Pause and Pray.** Who came to mind as you read through today's passage? Who do you love that needs to give their life to Jesus? Write their names here and take time to pray for them. Pray specifically in line with today's Scripture:

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3. **Focus Box.** Write a good title summarizing today's passages in the Focus box.

Lesson Eight Day Six

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray:** Ask God for specific ways you can apply this passage in your life today.
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate:** Write our verse in multiple colors.
- ☐ **Simply Read:** [2 Corinthians 6:14-8:15](#)

...Read & Engage...

- Second Thoughts?** Have you ever written something you regretted? Maybe you wrote something you had doubts about how it would be received. How did that feel for you? Did you end up regretting it or did it work out or was it a mixed result? What did you end up doing about it if anything?

	PEOPLE/PLACES	TRUTH ABOUT GOD	BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS	MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS
6:14-7:1				

Lesson Eight Day Six

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
7:2-16				
8:1-15	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Paul's Heart.** How did you see Paul's heart and personality revealed in these passages? Did anything seem surprising or interesting to you?

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3. **Focus Box.** Write a summary title for today's passages in the Focus box.

Lesson Eight Day Seven

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray:** Pray and meditate on the memory verse.
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate:** Take time to meditate on this verse before continuing in the study.
- ☐ **Simply Read:** [2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15](#)

...Read & Engage...

1. **Pass the Plate.** What was the tradition of giving and offering like in the church you grew up in? What is it like in the church you're in today? What differences, if any, are there?

8:16-24

PEOPLE/PLACES

TRUTH
ABOUT GOD

BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS

MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS

Lesson Eight Day Seven

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
9:1-5				
9:6-15	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Gift of Giving** What impact would giving in the way Scripture describes make on your church today?

3. **Focus Box.** Write a good title summarizing today's passages in the Focus box

Lesson Eight Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

- ☐ **Pause & Pray:** Pray for your Grace Group
- ☐ **Memorize & Meditate:** Write your verse with your non-dominant hand
- ☐ **Simply Read:** [2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15](#)

...Read & Engage...

1. **Bold or Bashful?** Do you think of yourself as bold when it comes to speaking up about the gospel or speaking up about sin in the church? Why or why not?

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
10:1-12				
10:13-18	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

Lesson Eight Day Eight

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
11:1-6				
11:7-15	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Hurt in the Church** How would you describe Paul's tone in this passage? What is he passionate, even bold, about? Do you relate to any aspect of what Paul is describing in the church?

3. **Focus Box.** Write a good title summarizing today's passages in the Focus box.

Lesson Eight Day Nine

Memorize & Meditate

Focus:

☐ Pause & Pray:

☐ Memorize & Meditate: Write our verse on a sticky Note as well as here and put it up where you'll see it daily.

☐ Simply Read: 2 Corinthians 11:16-13:14

...Read & Engage...

1. **The Ideal Church.** How would you describe the ideal biblical church? What qualities would that church have?

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
11:16-33				
12:1-10	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

Lesson Eight Day Nine

	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>
12:11-21				
13:1-14	<u>PEOPLE/PLACES</u>	<u>TRUTH ABOUT GOD</u>	<u>BIG IDEA/REPEATED WORDS</u>	<u>MY QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS</u>

2. **Big Truth.** What was the biggest truth you read in today's passage? Why do you feel it stood out to you?

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3. **Focus Box.** Write a good title summarizing today's passages in the Focus box

Memorize & Meditate

...2 Corinthians Word Cloud...

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