



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

Events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. We'd love to meet you! If there's a way we can serve you, please visit the welcome table and fill out a connect card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Please join us Weds at 5:15pm for prayer.

Ways to Give:

- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church
- On our website, app or via the QR code below



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"2 Corinthians - Paul's War Room "

Manny Martinez, Elder

I. The War Room of the Apostle's Heart

II. Corinth's World of Power, Persuasion, and Honor

III. The Offense of the Cross and the Refusal of Rhetorical Glory

IV. Weakness as the True Mark of Gospel Authority

Grace Group Discussion Questions

“2 Corinthians – Paul’s War Room”

Read 2 Corinthians 1

Observation (What Does the Passage Say?)

1. In 2 Corinthians 1:1–2, what titles and relationships does Paul state about himself, Timothy, and the recipients,
2. What words describe how Paul views the church in Corinth and the wider region?
3. What specific accusations about Paul are quoted or referenced, and what specific evidence does Paul present in response (Acts 17:18, 1 Corinthians 2:4–5, 2 Corinthians 10:10)?

Interpretation (What Does It Mean?)

1. Why does Paul emphasize “an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God” at the start of this letter, given the stated objectives of defending integrity and restoring relationship?
2. What does Paul mean when he says his message was “not in plausible words of wisdom” but in “demonstration of the Spirit and of power,” and what does that imply about how genuine faith is produced? 1 Corinthians 2:4–5

Correlation (How Does I Relate to Other Passages?)

1. How do Acts 17:18 and 2 Corinthians 10:10 together show a consistent pattern in how Paul is evaluated by Greco Roman standards.
2. How does Romans 8:16 correlate with the claim that no human rhetoric can create spiritual certainty, and what does it suggest about assurance and the Spirit’s work?
3. How does Acts 22:21 connect Paul’s calling to his pastoral endurance with Corinth, and how does that calling shape the way he fights for the church rather than walking away?

Application (How Can I Apply It to My Life?)

1. Where are you most tempted to measure spiritual maturity by strength, competence, status, or eloquence, and how does 2 Corinthians confront that measurement?
2. What would it look like in your life, ministry, or church to let the offense of the cross stand without trying to “package” Christianity to protect pride or gain admiration?
3. If expository preaching places people directly before God’s voice, what specific changes should you make in how you listen, prepare, take notes, and obey what you hear?

Response (How Do I Respond?)

1. What is one hardship, weakness, or limitation you usually hide, and how can you bring it into the light before God as a place where Christ’s power can be displayed?
2. Write a short prayer in your own words that asks the Father to recalibrate what you admire, pursue, fear, and boast in, so that your confidence rests in the power of God and not the wisdom of men.
3. In what ways do you need to pray for renewed dependence on God’s strength rather than your own.