### The Approval of God

2 Corinthians 1:1-2 Pastor Paul Bauman

#### Two Compelling Reasons

- 1. The comfort that is given by God in our weakness and suffering.
  - a) God's comfort identifies with the suffering of another.
  - b) God's comfort brings encouragement and refreshment.
- 2. Weakness and suffering have a God ordained purpose in our lives.
  - a) We are comforted so that we can comfort others with the comfort God shows to us.
  - b) God's strength is only encountered in our weakness.

#### A Practical Challenge

Ask for prayer as you experience weakness and suffering.

"In prayer, human impotence (or helplessness) casts itself at the feet of divine omnipotence." Dr. Philip Hughes



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Sunday, March 10th, 2024

**New Adult Sunday School classes** begin this morning at 9:45 AM. Stop by the Welcome Desk for a map and list of classes.

March College Dinner: College students, you're invited to come and enjoy free food and good friends at the home of Ben and Leigh Lewis on Sunday, March 24th from 5-7pm. Their address is 1524 N. 2nd St. Bring your friends! Text @hefcdinner to 81010 for reminders.

Men's Retreat: Join us at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp from 8AM-4PM on Saturday, April 13th. For more information or to register, visit hillcrestefc.org/retreat or text Retreat to (4O2) 696-6171.

**Senior High Mission Trip:** The deadline to register for Senior High mission trip to Louisville, KY is Sunday, March 17th! You can learn more and find registration details online at hillcrestefc.org/ywam.

New Women's Bible Study: Starting this Tuesday, March 12th, Susanne Taylor is going to be leading a 7 week study using W. Philip Keller's book, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23. Learn more and sign up online at hillcrestefc.org/wbs.

**Hillcrest Highlights:** If you would like to sign up for the church email list, visit hillcrestefc.org/email and join today!

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