***“A Relationship Worth Fighting For”***

**2 Cor 1-13**

**I. The Corinthian Correspondence**

1 Corinthians = be unified with \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 2 Corinthians = be unified with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**II. The Corinthian Experience**

**A) Suffering Through Relational Strain**

Remember:1 Corinthians 4:15-16

1) Corinthians: don’t think he is a good preacher - 2 Corinthians 10:10

2) Corinthians: think they are more spiritually gifted than him - 1 Corinthians 14:18

3) Corinthians: think Paul is inferior to ‘super’ apostles - 2 Corinthians 11:5-6

4) Paul knew relational strain in nearly every relationship - 2 Timothy 4:10; Philippians 1:15-17; 2 Timothy 1:15

**The GOSPEL unearths \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Battle for Souls** *see Ephesians 6:12*

**B) Sharing Hard Truth**

2 Corinthians 2:1-4, 7:8-9

**C) Opponents Claimed he wasn’t an Apostle Because of his Suffering**

2 Corinthians 11:24-30*but … see Job 1:8 & Isaiah 53:11*

 The Power belongs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 4:4-7

**D) Being Vulnerable**

*2 Corinthians 6:11-13 &* 2 Corinthians 7:2-4

**E) Envision Corinthians re: importance of giving** *see chapters 8-9*

**F) Competence Comes from God**

2 Corinthians 3:4-6