

# CHRISTIANITY AT ITS BEST

II Corinthians 8:1-5



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- There are many stories in the Bible and throughout history of faith, sacrifice, and love.- Heb. 11, Inter-testamental lit.
- Our text today shares, what I believe, is one of the most overlooked and underappreciated examples of the Christian spirit at its best!!!

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- Background of the text:
  - I Cor. 16:2
  - Macedonian congregations
    - Phillippi
    - Thessalonica
    - Berea



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## PRIVILEGES IN CHRIST

- We are a privileged <sup>w</sup>society
- They were a privileged group also but they didn't figure their privileges like we do.
- What had they endured?

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## PROGRESSING IN CHRIST

- Phil. 4:10-19
- I Thess. 4:9-10
- The Macedonians had so progressed in their Christian life that they were imitating their heavenly Father, the author of love and kindness.

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## POWER IN CHRIST

- I Cor. 8:3,5
- Phil. 4:13
- The Lord can do great things through us if we will let him.
- We can go beyond what we think our ability is as well.