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# **The Proper Way To Deal With Adversity**

# Dealing with Adversity

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Paul had experienced suffering in the past; he was suffering now; and he knew others would suffer, too.

- 1:8; 1:12; 2:8–9; 3:10–12; 4:14–15; 2 Cor. 11:23–28.

So how did Paul deal with it?

- Gospel worthy of such suffering. 1:8–11.
- Saving souls more important than personal welfare. 2:8–10.
- Reward for endurance. 1:12; 2:11–12; 4:16–18.

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Paul had been forsaken by some of his own brethren.

- 1:15; 4:10, 16.

So how did Paul deal with it?

- He remembered other friends who were faithful. 1:5; 1:16–18.
- He knew there was one Friend he could always count on—the Lord. 4:16–18.

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Paul had seen the effects of false teaching, and knew it would continue.

- 2:16–18; 3:13; 4:3–4.

So how did Paul deal with it?

- Warned Timothy. 1:13; 2:14–16; 3:13–17; 4:2–5.
- Encouraged development of more teachers. 2:1–2.
- Encouraged efforts to win back those who had gone astray. 2:24–26.

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Paul knew he was near death.

- 4:6.

So how did he deal with it?

- He looked forward to receiving his crown. 4:7–8; 4:18.

# Conclusion

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“But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God... as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing”  
(2 Cor. 6:4,10).