## WHY SUFFERING?

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Introduction:

Why does God allow suffering in the lives of His children?

- I. God allows suffering so that
  We might be enabled to comfort others (v. 3-7)
  - A. Thank Him anyway (v. 3)
  - B. Comfort with comfort (v. 4)
  - C. More pain, more gain (v. 5)
  - D. Endure it for them! (v. 6-7)
- II. God allows suffering so that
  We might not trust in ourselves (v. 8-10)

III. God allows suffering so that
We might band together in prayer (v. 11)