



**GOD'S  
FAITHFUL  
PROMISES:**

**Romans 10:9-13**

He saves you  
& keeps you safe

**Romans 8:28**

He is working  
for your good

**Philippians 4:19**

He supplies  
all your needs

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

When you're tempted,  
He always gives a way  
to not surrender

**TONIGHT:**



**2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

**HE GIVES YOU STRENGTH  
(ESPECIALLY)**

**WHEN YOU ARE WEAK**

# WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

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# WHEN / WHO / WHERE / WHY?

Autumn AD 55, Paul in Macedonia writes to Christians in Corinth  
to make sure they understand they can trust  
his authority as Jesus' messenger

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