

## Lesson 11 Journey to Jerusalem and 2 Corinthians

### 2 Corinthians 1:3-9

- The strong opposition of the devotees of Artemis that had driven Paul permanently from Ephesus

### 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

- By mortal sin we separate ourselves from God
- This is what Catholic Politicians do when with full knowledge and freedom promote abortion legislatively

### 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 Letter written by the Holy Spirit

Most effective way to accomplish this:

- Read
- Reflect
- Practice a resolution inspired by the Holy Spirit

### 2 Corinthians 3:18

- By means of meditation and the practice of a Resolution we are transformed from one degree of glory to another

### 2 Corinthians 4 The weight of glory

Sickness, suffering, difficulties, opposition, hardships, trials, temptations

- These are not a punishment from God, nor are they a sign to stop
- They are the circumstances that exercise us in the virtues

God prepares us for an Eternal Weight of Glory

- Through the hardships that produce virtue
- But we need courage

### 2 Corinthians 11: 21-29 The hardships Paul has faced

### 2 Corinthians 12:1-6 Contemplation

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- God will not take away all difficulties; These are the circumstances for growth; God will always be there to support and sustain us by His Grace

"I am like a brook that makes no effort to overcome obstacles in its way. All the obstacles can do is hold me up for a while, as a brook is held up; but during that time it grows broader and deeper, and after a while it overflows the obstruction and flows along again. That is how I am going to do my work."

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

## Trials, difficulties, and obstacles

- Are not a sign to quit
- They are the means to growth in virtue

## 2 Corinthians 5

### Reconciliation

## 2 Corinthians 6

Marriage with a non-believer makes it very difficult to achieve the goal of marriage

1. A unique instance of friendship to help one another to holiness
2. To have a raise children to holiness

But if you spouse does not share the same goal in life

- He or she will be no help at best
- And a terrible hindrance at worst

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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In the Beatitudes "poverty" is the virtue of sharing: it calls us to communicate and share both material and spiritual goods, not by coercion but out of love, so that the abundance of some may remedy the needs of others."

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- See Luke 6:38

