

**WHEN THE ROAD GETS BUMPY****II Corinthians 1:8-11**

⁸We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

First decision: close down or open up.

Dangerous myth: Real men keep it to themselves.

Paul was one tough dude and he opened up.

2 Cor. 11:23-27

Have you ever felt like Paul -

1. Under a lot of stress
2. About to crack
3. Thinking you're about to die

Lessons Learned By Paul

1. Rely on the God who raises the dead v. 9

Not on ourselves.

Note: We must do what we can do and leave the rest to God

2. Take our faith experience and make it faith extended v. 10

My "deadly peril":

3. Set our hope on God permanently
4. Always ask for prayer support v. 11

Result: Lots of thanksgiving