

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from April 5, 2009
Down But Not Out
2 Corinthians 1:4**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 1:4a and 1:8-11 and carefully make as many observations as possible.

How does 2 Corinthians 1:4a fit in with what has come before?

How does 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 fit in with 1:4a?

Were the Corinthians aware of the affliction Paul and Timothy had experienced in Asia?

What was Paul referring to when he said, "and He will yet deliver us" in 2 Corinthians 1:11?

Applying the sermon

What are the current trials in your life?

How have you, in the midst of trials, been consistently seeking God's comfort?

How do you think God is using these trials to take you to a better place?

How has your faith in God and your desire to see His work completed in your life allowed you to count your present difficult situation as joy?