



"The Ultimate 'Yes!'"
Be Encouraged series
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1. [2 Corinthians 1:4](#)

- a. **4** He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2. [2 Corinthians 1:15-22](#)

- a. **15** Since I was so sure of your understanding and trust, I wanted to give you a double blessing by visiting you twice— **16** first on my way to Macedonia and again when I returned from Macedonia.] Then you could send me on my way to Judea. **17** You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say "Yes" when they really mean "No"? **18** As surely as God is faithful, our word to you does not waver between "Yes" and "No." **19** For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas,^[b] Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate "Yes," he always does what he says. **20** For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. **21** It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, **22** and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

3. [Romans 5:8](#)

- a. **8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

4. [1 John 1:9](#)
 - a. **9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

5. [Ephesians 2:8-9 \(NIV\)](#)
 - a. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

6. [Revelations 21:3-5](#)
 - a. **3** I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. **4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." **5** And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

7. [2 Corinthians 1:20](#)
 - a. **20** For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!"