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When the Rains Come

A study of 2 Corinthians

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and

'the power of the Spirit' ...

***in the midst of moral, societal and
interpersonal conflict***

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- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,**
- 4 who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

II Corinthians 6:1-13

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WHAT WE DO MATTERS

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OUR HEARTS MATTER

II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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...so do not make an unbreakable
commit of your heart to
anyone or anything that's
not loyal to the same "king".

II Corinthians 7:2-16

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...do make room for
unbreakable commitments for
people who 'have your back'...
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II Corinthians 8:1-15

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II Corinthians 8:1-15

- 1 We want you to know brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,
- 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.
- 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,
- 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—





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Romans 15:22-28

22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,

24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bring the aid to the saints.

26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.

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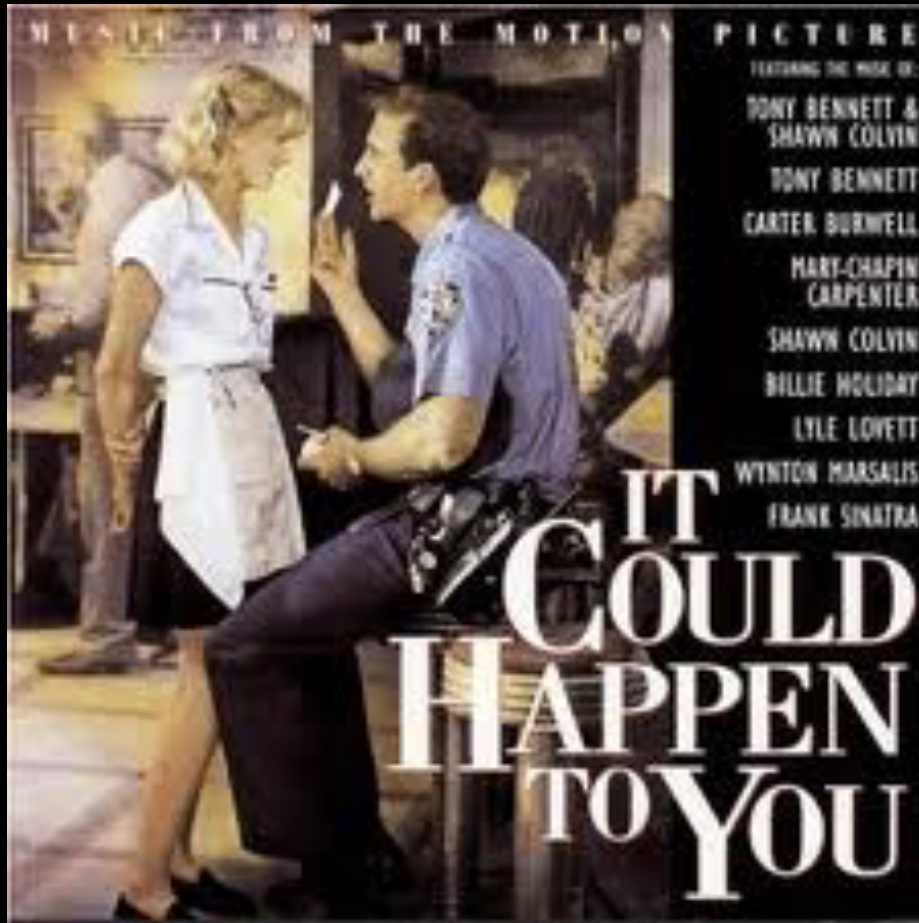
Exodus 16

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1984- Yonkers NY
Phyliss Penzo
Robert Cunningham



1994- Fictionalized
Nicholas Cage
Bridget Fonda

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With all of our hearts,
The Corinthians



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**Do you embrace that Christ's 'sacrificial giving'
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