

SERMON OUTLINE FOR STUDENTS

RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2025

TITLE: *Our Dead-Raising God*

MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

SPEAKER: Pastor Phil Ward

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

I. AFFLICTIONS, BURDENS, AND OUR SELF-RELIANT DESPAIR (2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-9A)

- A. Affliction as common ground for us all **(2 Corinthians 1:8; John 16:33)**

- B. Affliction can come to us by degree **(2 Corinthians 1:8-9a; 2 Corinthians 1:4-5)**
 - 1. Afflictions can vary in duration **(2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 1:6)**

 - 2. Afflictions can vary in intensity **(2 Corinthians 1:8-9a; Romans 12:12)**

- C. Affliction can cause us to feel an unbearable burden that can lead to despairing thoughts **(2 Corinthians 1:8-9a)**

II. HOPEFUL RELIANCE UPON OUR DEAD-RAISING GOD (2 CORINTHIANS 1:9B-10)

- A. Afflictions kill self-reliance, but the truth that God raises the dead causes God-reliant hope to come alive in us **(2 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 4:14-16)**

- B. God inflicts us with afflictions so that our hope would be on Him rather than ourselves **(2 Corinthians 1:9-10; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; John 16:33)**

- C. God has proven Himself reliable and trustworthy because He raised Jesus from the dead, delivered us from our deadly peril of sin, and promises to raise us up on the last day **(2 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 6:5-11; 23; John 6:40; 11:25-26)**

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is the purpose behind afflictions in this life? How can afflictions kill a sense of self-reliance? How can afflictions produce reliance upon God?

2. How does the fact that God raises the dead give us hope?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Despair –

Afflictions –

Reliance –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD