

Authentic Living

'The myth of self-sufficiency'

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Introduction

- self-sufficient living

OUR EXPERIENCE: the Christian life involves many struggles

- hardships are normal
 - the experience of the apostle (v8-9a)

- the experience of the believer (v5-6)

- we will often feel unable to cope (v8b)

GOD'S PURPOSE: that we rely on him and one another

- God wants us to rely on him
 - relying on God (v9b)
 - receiving God's comfort (v3,5)
- God wants us to rely on one another
 - asking others to pray for us (v11)
 - passing on God's comfort (v4-7)

Fig.1 – self-sufficiency

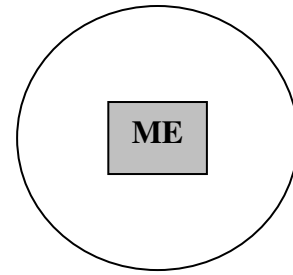


Fig.2 – partial dependence

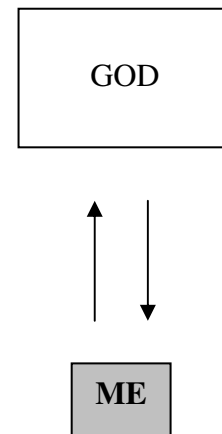


Fig.3 – biblical dependence

