## 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

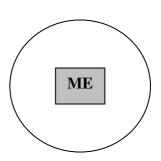


Fig.2 - partial dependence

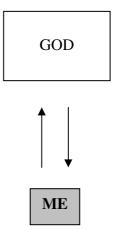


Fig.3 - biblical dependence

