



# GULF SHORES

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## ***Saints Can Find Hope In Declaration (II Corinthians 11)***

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. I & II Corinthians are only part of Paul's correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was well received. The "saints" of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. This chapter is about finding hope in declaration. Let's study together...

Discussion:

### ***I. Preaching Through Knowledge (vs.1-6)***

- Fear & Knowledge (**Proverbs 1:7**)
- Blessings & Knowledge (**Proverbs 2:6-12**)
- Advice & Knowledge (**Proverbs 13:10**)
- Guidance & Knowledge (**Hosea 14:9**)

### ***II. Teaching Through Humbleness (vs.7-15)***

- God hears the prayers of the humble (**II Chronicles 7:14**).
- God saves the people who are humble (**Psalms 18:27**).
- God preserves the lives of the humble (**Psalms 147:6**).
- God exalts the people who are humble (**Luke 18:14**).

### ***III. Boasting Through Weakness (vs.16-33)***

- God knows we are weak (**Deuteronomy 8:16**).
- God watches over the weak (**Psalms 12:5**).
- God strengthens us when we are weak (**II Corinthians 12:9**).
- God wants us to encourage the weak (**I Thessalonians 5:14**).

Conclusion: Sometimes you need to humble yourself to allow God to exalt you. God wants you to share your story... the entire story! God wants you to share your wisdom and knowledge. He wants you to share your story. Are you ready to be filled with hope? Have you accepted the will of God? Are you declaring the good news? Will you share hope with others who need it?