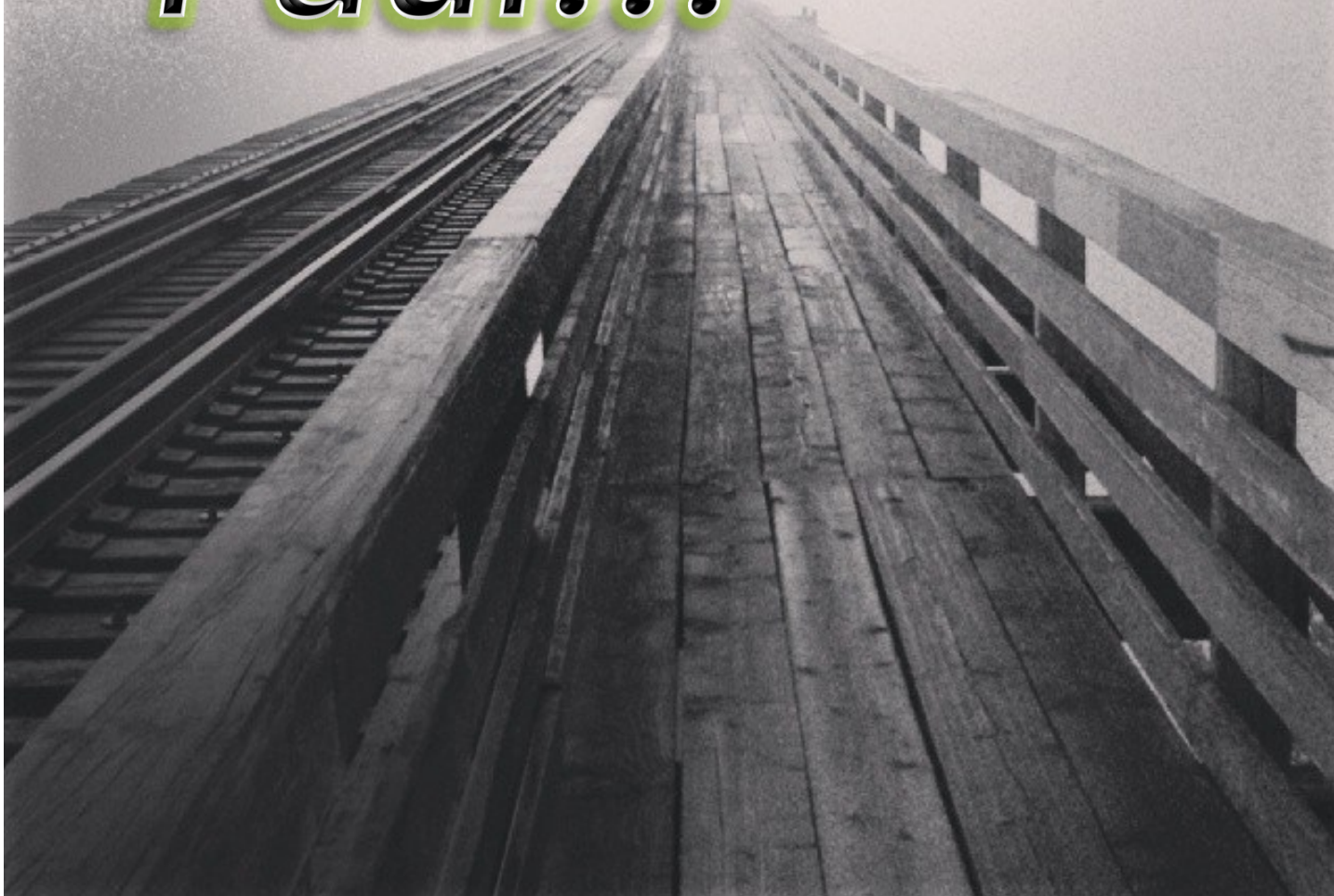


# making Sense of Paul...



Paul...

Apostle of can't we all just  
get along...?

Paul...

and the collection...

Galatians 2:10/Acts

1 Corinthians 16

2 Corinthians 8

Romans 15

Acts 21:17 (24:17)

## Galatians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. <sup>9</sup> James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

<sup>10</sup> All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

remember the poor

general poor – as an expression  
of the gospel

- OT

Jerusalem poor – as an  
expression of the gospel

- solidarity

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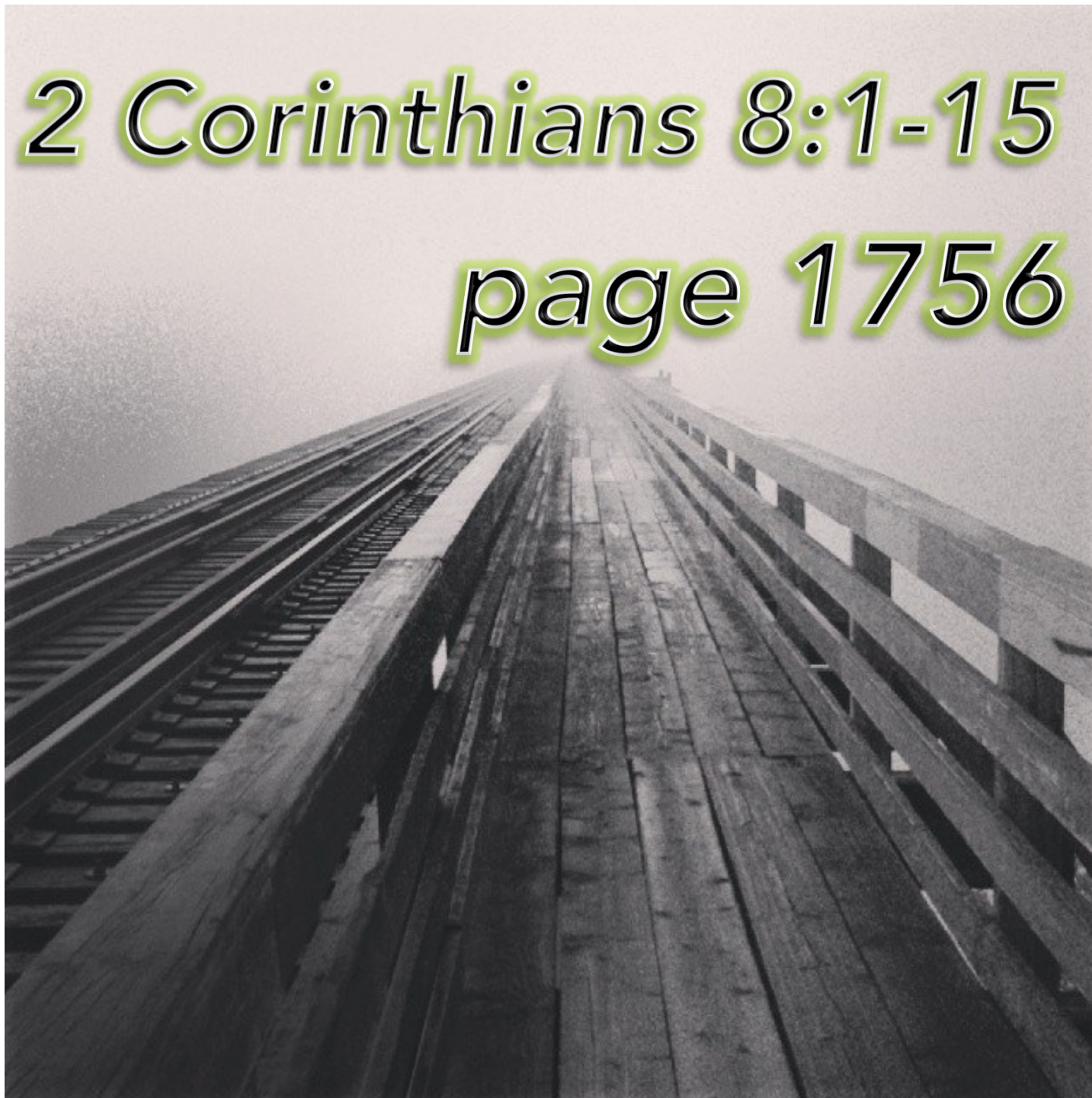
Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. <sup>3</sup> Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

Paul...

and the Corinthians...

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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Paul...

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## Romans 15

<sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings...

<sup>30</sup> I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. <sup>31</sup> Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, <sup>32</sup> so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed.

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How did it turn out?

<sup>17</sup> When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. <sup>18</sup> The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup> Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>20</sup> When they heard this, they praised God...



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