

Marcus J. Borg, *Evolution of the Word* (N.Y.: HarperCollins Publisher, 2012),

Commentary on 2 Corinthians

Second Corinthians is not a single letter, but a combination of at least three letters from Paul to the Christ-community in Corinth (chapters 1-7, 8-9, and 10-13). Second Corinthians adds to these correspondence. ¹

Chapters 8-9. Their subject matter is the “collection for the saints.” Paul was raising money from his largely Gentile communities for the impoverished Christian Jewish community in Jerusalem, both as a sign of solidarity and to meet their need for help. These chapters disclose how important the collection for the Jerusalem community was to Paul. They abound with appeals to generosity, grace, bounty, sharing, and fairness.²

¹ Marcus J. Borg, *Evolution of the Word* (N.Y.: HarperCollins Publisher, 2012), 101.

² Marcus J. Borg, *Evolution of the Word* (N.Y.: HarperCollins Publisher, 2012), 103.