

Consider It

How does God provide for our comfort or encouragement?

- Psalm 119:50
- 2 Corinthians 1:4
- Romans 5:1-5

How did Paul benefit from suffering? How did it strengthen his faith in God (1:9)?

Why do we tend to find our own solution to trouble before looking to God?

How does God want us to help one another in difficult circumstances?

How did Paul experience help from the Corinthians (1:10-11)?

How have other Christians helped you through difficult circumstances?

How might you help others who are experiencing trouble?

How can you rely more on God instead of yourself in times of hardship?

Live It

Praise. You are the Father of mercy and God of all comfort. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude toward you because you have...

Prayer. Who do you know that is in trouble? How will you pray for them this week based on God's word?

Practice. What can you do this week to show love and concern for someone who is suffering?

Tested and Triumphant!

Comfort in Trouble

2 Corinthians 1:1-23

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

God comforts you in all your troubles so that you can comfort others.

Question #1: How Will You Respond to Trouble?

Question #2: Will You Be Comforted?

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Open It

Think of a time when you experienced comfort during a time of trouble. What brought you comfort?

Read It

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. ⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 1:3–11 (NIV)

Question #3: Will You Comfort Others?

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How is God described by Paul (1:3)?

What do we learn about God from these verses?