

**“The God Of All Comfort”  
2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

**Jeremiah 29:13** If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

**2 Corinthians** was penned by the Apostle Paul during a time of Great Personal Affliction!

Paul had previously written **1 Corinthians 16:9**

**Note With “Opportunities” Also Comes “Opposition!”**

**The Purpose Of 2 Corinthians:** To address false teachers that had infiltrated the Corinthian assembly that questioned both Paul’s personal integrity and apostolic authority.

**Key Word: “Comfort” Encouragement** is used in one form or another **29 times**

**Theme:** *“Power Out Of Weakness”*

**Verse 4 Affliction 2 times**

**Verse 5 Sufferings,**

**Verse 6 Affliction, Suffering, Suffer,**

**Verse 7 Suffering,**

**Verse 8 Affliction,**

**Job 5:7** For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward.

Note with **“Suffering” 8 times**, there is also God’s **“Comfort” 10 times**  
Verses 1-7

**Thought Of Our Passage:** “When Hurting, Remember Who God Is So We Can Comfort Others, And Keep Trusting, And Seeking Him.”

**4 Truths To Remember When We Are Hurting:**

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| <b>1. Verse 3</b>     | <b>Remember Who God Is:</b>           |
| <b>2. Verses 4-7</b>  | <b>Remember To Comfort Others:</b>    |
| <b>3. Verses 8-10</b> | <b>Remember To Keep Trusting God:</b> |
| <b>4. Verse 11</b>    | <b>Remember To Pray:</b>              |

## **1. Verse 3 Remember Who God Is:**

**2 Corinthians 1:3**

### **3 Things To Remember About God When We Are Hurting:**

#### **1. God Is To Be Blessed:**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Notice that Paul is blessing God in his sufferings!

**Job's Example:** (Lost Family 7 sons, 3 daughters, Business and Possessions) **Job 1:20-21**

**Job 2** (Job finally loses his health) Job's wife said, **"Curse God and die!"**  
**Psalm 34:1-4**

#### **2. God Is The Source Of Mercies: the Father of mercies**

**Father** – *"the originator, the source of, the origin"*

**Satan John 8:44** "Father of lies"

**Mercy** has been defined as *"not getting what we deserve"* Note it is plural **mercies** which means that *"God has an allowance for mercy in every conceivable way"*

**Psalms 145:9**

**We need mercy because we are sinners!**

**(Mercy Is Found At The Cross!)**

#### **3. God Is The God Of All Comfort: (Accomplished Through Christ's Death, Burial And Resurrection) God of all comfort;**

The word **comfort** is used **10 times** in Verses 1-7

**Comfort** – Literally: *"to call to one's side to strengthen"*  
*(Not a lighter load but a stronger back)*

**God Gives Comfort Not Sympathy** – Sympathy can weaken us.  
God gives strength, stands at our side.

**God uses people** to comfort us. **Barnabas** – *"son of encouragement"*

**1 Peter 5:7, 10**

**We Need To Remember Who God Is! Mark 4:38-40**

## **Right Now We As Believers Are Being Tested With A Storm (Covid19) – Don't Forget Who God Is!**

### **2. Verses – 4-7 Remember To Comfort Others:**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:4 who comforts us in all our affliction**

This word **affliction** means "pressure" God will comfort us, this is what the promise is.

*Some Afflictions Are The Result Of Sin* - They are brought on because of sin. God loves us so much that He will not allow us to sin successfully.

**Abraham** - Fell into fear and lied about his wife.

**Jacob** - Was nicknamed the trickster, was always scheming.

**Jonah** - Disobeyed the Lord and was eaten up by a whale.

*Some Afflictions Are For Our Growth* - These are brought on by the Lord, to make us more like Jesus.

**Paul** - He had a thorn in his flesh - **escape, endure**, but **enlist**

**so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

**We can become a reservoir of self, instead of a channel of blessing.**

**Note: God's comfort is not given to us but is actually loaned. God expects us to pass it on to others!**

**2 Corinthians 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, good to remember!**

**sufferings of Christ Philippians 3:10**

**so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.**

**Note God's Mathematics!** That with the afflictions **God doubles down the comfort.**

**2 Corinthians 1:6**

1. Our Affliction Can Result In Comfort And Salvation To Others:  
(Watching Us)

2. Our Comfort Brings Both Comfort, And Patience In Character To Others:

**2 Corinthians 1:7** and our **hope** for you is firmly grounded,  
What a difference Jesus Christ makes. **Romans 15:4**

**Hope – “A Sure Expectation Of A Future Event!”**

**knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.**

**Sharers Of Suffering: Philippians 1:29-30**

**Sharers Of Comfort: (Comfort, God’s Help In Our Suffering)**

**Remember To Comfort Others: (Believers Are Channels, Not Reservoirs.)**

### **3. Verses – 8-10 Remember To Keep Trusting God:**

**2 Corinthians 1:8** For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren,  
**of our affliction**

Paul is admitting his shortcomings so that the believers can learn from Paul, pray for Paul.

**which came to us in Asia**, possibly the riot at Ephesus (**Acts 19:23-41**)  
**2 Corinthians 7:5**

#### **3 - Important Facts About Trusting In God:**

- 1. Trust In God Who Can Strengthen Us: that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;**  
God allows only that which we can take! **1 Corinthians 10:13**

**2 Corinthians 1:9**

- 2. In God Alone We Must Trust: Why does God bring us to death’s door? so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;**

**but in God who raises the dead;**

That was a lesson that Abraham learned.

**2 Corinthians 1:10**

- 3. Trusting A Faithful God Who Will Deliver Us:**

**(Past Deliverance) who delivered us from so great a peril of death,**

**(Future Deliverance) and will deliver us,**

**(Present Deliverance) He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,**

**God Does Not Always Immediately Deliver, He does not do it the same way.** All of the disciples with exception of John were martyred **(Taken out or taken through!) Genesis 50:20**

**Remember Keep Trusting God:**

#### **4. Verse – 11 Remember To Pray:**

**2 Corinthians 1:11**

**Praying For Others: you also joining in helping us through your prayers,**

**helping us**

No greater way to help than to pray!

**Prayer Is Dependence Upon God:** When we pray we are asking God to step in. We are relying on the Lord for strength and for Him to work.

**Praying Will Result In Thanksgiving:**

**so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.**

**Remember To Pray And Trust God:**

#### **Application:**

- 1. Remember Who God Is:** God Is Always To Be Blessed, God Is The Author of All Mercies, And The God Of All Comfort.
- 2. Remember To Comfort Others:** Comfort Is Loaned, Not Given. Comfort Starts With Us And Finishes In Blessing Others.
- 3. Remember To Trust God:** In God Who Can Strengthen Us. In God Who Wants Us To Fully Trust Him. In God Who Will Surely Deliver Us.
- 4. Remember To Pray:** When We Pray For Others, It Will Result In Praise.