

"Comfort For Afflictions"
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Sunday Morning September 11, 2011

2 Cor 1:1-11

Ground Zero Pictures:

Job 5:7

1 Cor. 16:9

Note: With "Opportunities" Also Comes "Opposition!"

The Purpose Of The Letter: False teachers had infiltrated the Corinthian assembly and had questioned both Paul's personal integrity and apostolic authority.

Key Word: "Comfort", Encouragement is used in one form or another 29X

Theme: "Power Out Of Weakness"

Note With Me:

Verse 4 – Affliction 2X

Verse 5 – Sufferings

Verse 6 – Affliction, Suffering, Suffer

Verse 7 – Suffering

Verse 8 – Affliction

"Comfort" – 10X Verses 1-7

1. Verses 1-3 – Remember – Who God Is

2. Verses 4-7 – Remember – To Comfort Others

3. Verses 8-10 – Remember – Keep Trusting God

4. Verse 11 – Remember – To Pray

1. Verses 1-3 – Remember – Who God Is:

2 Cor 1:1

Apostle – is a "messenger" or "one sent."

"with all the saints" – Which means "True believers, set apart Ones"

2 Cor 1:2-3

3 Things To Remember About God During Afflictions:

1. God Is To Be Blessed: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Job's Example: Job 1:20-21; Job 2

Psalm 34:1-4

2. God Is The Father Of Mercies: "the Father of mercies"

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

Mercy – "Not getting what we deserve." Note it is plural, mercies, which means that "God has allowance for mercy in every conceivable way."

Psalms 145:9

3. "God Of All Comfort": (Accomplished By The Resurrection) God of all comfort; The word comfort is used 10X in Verses 1-7.

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

1 Peter 5:7

1 Peter 5:10

We need to remember who God is! Mark 4:38-40

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

2 Cor 1:4

"affliction" – means "Pressure"

Afflictions for Sin –

Abraham –

Jacob –

Jonah –

Afflictions for Maturity –

Paul – He had a thorn in his flesh. We learn that it was not to escape, endure, but enlist it to become like Him.

Note: God’s comfort is not given, it is loaned. We are expected to pass it on to others!

2 Cor 1:5

Phil 3:10

2 Cor 1:6

1. Our Affliction Can Result In Comfort And Salvation To Others:
2. Our Comfort Brings Both Comfort, And Patience In Character To Others:

2 Cor 1:7

Romans 15:4

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

Sharers Of Suffering: Phil 3:10

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

Remember – To Comfort Others:

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

2 Cor 1:8

Facts About Trusting In God: (3 Important Facts)

1. Trusting The God Who Is In Control In Our Afflictions:

1 Cor 10:13

2 Cor 1:9

2. In God Alone We Must Trust:

Why does God bring us to death's door? "In order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;"

2 Cor 1:10

3. Trusting A God Who Will Faithfully 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."

Remember – Keep Trusting God:

4. Verse 11 – Remember – To Pray:

2 Cor 1:11

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

Prayer Is Dependence Upon God:

Praying Will Result In Thanksgiving: "that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many."

Remember – To Pray And Trust God:

Application:

1. Remember Who God Is
2. Remember To Comfort Others
3. Remember To Trust God
4. Remember To Pray



