

“Comforted To Be A Comforter”

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Sermon Series: “Trials”

Introduction: In verse 8 of this passage, the Apostle Paul said that he was “burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.” Have you ever felt this way? I have, and honestly, it encourages me to know that a man like the Apostle Paul felt this way as well. However, the point of this passage is Paul sharing about the comfort that God gave him in the midst of his many trials and tribulations. Let’s learn about the comfort that God gives us and wants us to then share with others.

Main Idea: *We have a Father who comforts us in our trials so that we can then comfort others.*

I. Our Heavenly Father comforts us in our trials.

1. The Person who comforts us

- A. “The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- B. “The Father of mercies”
- C. “The God of all comfort”

2. The Promise of His comfort-“who comforts us in all our tribulation”

3. The Parameters of His comfort (v. 5-6)-He comforts us when we are suffering for Jesus. He disciplines us when we are living in sin.

4. The Process of His comfort

- A. Personally (John 14:15-18, 26-27)
- B. Prayer (2 Corinthians 1:11)
- C. People (2 Corinthians 7:6-7)

II. Our Heavenly Father comforts us in our trials for the purpose of us being a comfort to others. Verse 4 says, “Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” Whenever God blesses or comforts us, He does it in order for us to share instead of hoard. He calls us to be channels instead of reservoirs. After we have been comforted by God, we can minister to others out of our experience with knowledge, sympathy, and empathy.

Conclusion: Here are some takeaways from this passage. They are some actions steps for us to take.

- 1. Trust Jesus so God will be your Father and you can receive His comfort.**
- 2. Praise God for His mercy and comfort (v. 3).**
- 3. Look to Him and not other things for our comfort.**
- 4. Pray for others.**
- 5. Minister to others in their trials and share the comfort that God has given us.**