

DIVING DEEPER

1. Why is it important for us to know that God is a God of comfort?
2. What specific ways does He comfort people in affliction?
3. Can you share any examples of ways God has comforted you during trials?
4. What is one reason God may allow you to go through suffering based on this passage?

Bible Baptist Church **BIBLE STUDY**

A GOD FOR ALL COMFORT

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11



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GOD SPEAKS

IN TIMES LIKE THESE, WHEN TROUBLES OVERWHELM AND EVEN CHRISTIANS FIND THEMSELVES AT THEIR WITS' END, MATURE CHRISTIANS DECIDE TO LOOK UPON THEIR EXTREMITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THEIR TRUST IN THE LORD AS THEIR REFUGE.

1. IN OUR AFFLICTION, GOD IS _____.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who 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. **2 Corinthians 1: 3-4a**

2. IN OUR AFFLICTION, GOD _____ US FOR MINISTRY.

⁴who 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. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. ⁶Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. ⁷And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation. **2 Corinthians 1: 4b-7**

3. IN OUR AFFLICTION, GOD OUR HOPE.

⁷ And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. ⁸ For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our [c]trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a death, and [d]does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, ¹¹ you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many. **2 Corinthians 1:7-11**

GOD INVITES

Father, we praise you that you are the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. Many times we don't understand the "why" of our trials as we face them. We are often blind to your work and purposes through them. Remind us, though, that you indeed have a purpose. Remind us, that if nothing else, when comfort comes we can in turn comfort others who experience something similar. We rejoice with those who rejoice and we weep with those who weep. But as we weep, we trust in you, the God who takes away all tears. In Jesus name. Amen.

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