

Series: 2 Corinthians

“The Comfort of God in Times of Suffering”

(Sunday Morning September 6th, 2026)

Passage: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Acts 9:16 “for I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake”

2 Cor 11:28 “Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches”

This means that Paul knew what suffering and stress were all about, and this church in Corinth was one of the p_____ c_____ of it

2 Cor 2:12-13 “12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord, 13 I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus...”

I. Some R_____ are Available to Us in Times of Suffering

1) We Have God’s S_____

Job 13:15 “Even though He slay me, yet, will I praise Him!” (Paraphrase)

We should especially praise Him when we are called upon to suffer for the cause of Christ, because we know that we will be e_____ r_____

Rom 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us”

2) We Have God’s S_____

John 8:44 “... Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies”

Ps 34:18 “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

This word not only refers to God’s emotional concern it also refers to God’s p_____ i_____.

Ps 23:4 “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; ...”

Ps 23:5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.”

Ps 23:6 “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (NKJV)

3) We Have God’s S_____

Phil 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”

The reason God does not exempt us from suffering and requires us to go through it is because this reveals the strength of our f_____.

II. Some R_____ are Explained to Us for Times of Suffering

1) So That We Will S_____Others

Luke 22:32 "but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers"

You might discover that God has opened up a great door for ministry and evangelism for you in this area, and that He can even use your f_____ for His glory.

2) So That We Will S_____God

This tells us that God often puts us into these types of situations so that we will turn to Him in faith and witness His great power and d_____.

2 Tim 4:18, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever Amen"

3) So That We Will S_____Victories

Exodus 17:8-13 (Turn and Read)

James 5:16 "...the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (NKJV)

a. God Calls on Us to Suffer so That We Will B_____More Like Our L_____

Heb 12:10 "For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness."

b. God Calls Upon Us to Suffer so That We Will Place Our F_____on H_____

2 Cor 4:17-18 "17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

c. God Calls Upon Us to Suffer so That We Will D_____Eternal S_____

Gen 3:22 "Then the LORD God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever'—"