

Second Corinthians

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“consolation”

“encouragement”

“counsel”

“exhortation”

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2 Samuel 12:1-7 (NIV) ¹ The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought.

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He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴ "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him.

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Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

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Psalms 51:1 (NIV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

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Psalms 103:8-14 (NIV) ⁸The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

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¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

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B. His Comfort covers every situation and circumstance that we might face

“and the God of all comfort”

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*He is able, more than able,
To accomplish what concerns me today,
He is able, more than able,
To handle anything that comes my way.
He is able, more than able,
To do much more than I could ever dream.*

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II. It is REVEALED in times of difficulty and trial 1:4

A. The Problems are unavoidable

“who comforts us in all our troubles”

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2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

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II. It is REVEALED in times of difficulty and trial 1:4

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Rutherford wrote to one of his friends, "God has called you to Christ's side, and the wind is now in Christ's face in this land: and seeing ye are with him ye cannot expect the lee-side or the sunny side of the brae." It is always a costly thing to be a real Christian, for there can be no Christianity without its cross. —Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT)

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Matthew 5:45 (NIV) He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

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1 Peter 4:12-19 (NIV) ¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

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B. The Purpose is beyond our own personal difficulties

“so that we can comfort those in any trouble”

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Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV) ¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

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Colossians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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III. It is REFLECTED in the sufferings of Jesus Christ 1:5

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NIV) For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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III. It is REFLECTED in the sufferings of Jesus Christ 1:5

Someone once said to a sufferer, "Suffering colors life, doesn't it?" The sufferer replied, "Yes, but I propose to choose the colors" As the silver comes purer from the fire, so the Christian can emerge finer and stronger from hard days. The Christian is the athlete of God whose spiritual muscles become stronger from the discipline of difficulties.

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III. It is REFLECTED in the sufferings of Jesus Christ 1:5

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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IV. It is RELATED to the effect our trials and the comfort we receive will have upon others 1:6

2 Corinthians 1:6 (NIV) If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

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IV. It is RELATED to the effect our trials and the comfort we receive will have upon others 1:6

“God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.”

“You must live with people to know their problems, and live with God in order to solve them.”

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V. It is **RECOGNIZED** as a definite result of our suffering **1:7**

2 Corinthians 1:7 (NIV) And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

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V. It is **RECOGNIZED** as a definite result of our suffering **1:7**

Hebrews 6:19 (NIV) We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

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V. It is **RECOGNIZED** as a definite result of our suffering **1:7**

2 Peter 1:19 (NIV) And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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