



GOD'S COMFORT IN TIMES OF
TRIAL AND CHALLENGE (PART II)
2ND COR. 1:3-11
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I. Introduction

For any mature Christian today, you know what your faith is made of and it's unflappable because the source of our faith is in God himself, never ourselves.

II. Comfort During Suffering

- a. Value in trials
- b. One day—no more trials—ever!

III.

III. Endless, Overflowing Comfort (vv. 3-7)

- a. Comfort comes through Jesus
- b. Comfort during any and all affliction

IV. Comfort's Power (vv. 8-11)

- a. Powerless comfort is no comfort at all
- b. God has and God will comfort us

V. Conclusion

Friend, take heart, Christ is with us yesterday, today, and for eternity. We are lavished in his loving grace to know our weaknesses and confirm his powerful loving grip upon our lives at all times, comforting us at each and every moment.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: March 29, 2020

Title: God's Comfort In Times of Trial
and Challenge Part II

Text: 2nd Cor. 1:3-11

Kick Starters...

1. Share a time in your life when you dealt with a significant trial or challenge. How did you grow from that time in your life?
2. God allows trials in our lives but we may not appreciate them until much later on. Why?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. There is great value in the trials we experience. How do they contribute to our maturing in our faith?

5. There is no significant comfort without Jesus. Why?
6. What does it mean that God comforts us in "all" of our affliction and why should that encourage us?
7. Read VERSE 5 together. Then read Col. 1:24 and Phil. 3:10-11. Discuss how this relates to our spiritual union with Jesus (hint: we suffer for Jesus but he is the source of our comfort at the same time).
8. God is faithful. His grace will always exceed our trials, sufferings, fears, and pain. How do these truths help navigate through such experience in life?
9. Read VERSE 9 together. Focus on the words "...to make us rely not on ourselves but on God..." Why is that so important as we deal with daily struggles and tribulations?

Execute the text

10. Read 2nd Thess. 2:16-17 together. Take the time to pray for things such as one another, for the CEFC family, for those dealing with many sufferings, trials, for our leaders, and all the challenges before us right now here, in our country, and around the world. In your prayers, focus on Paul's words, "...may Jesus Christ comfort...your hearts..."