

The Blessing in Suffering

Assignment: Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-14

Outline:

I. The Certainty of Divine Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

Its Purpose (2 Cor. 1:1-7)

Its Necessity (2 Cor. 1:8-11)

II. A Fruit of Divine Comfort (1 Corinthians 1:12-14)

Paul Rejoiced (2 Cor. 1:12)

The Corinthians Gloried (2 Cor. 1:13-14)

Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

Potential Discussion Questions

1. What specific things can you do to offer comfort and encouragement to those going through difficult trials?
2. What does it mean to trust God to handle problems? Give specific examples of how you could do this.
3. How have you seen the power of prayer exercised on your behalf? Think of a trial you have gone through. How did you see God's comfort and deliverance? How did it increase your endurance and trust in God?
4. How is God's grace active in your life? In what ways can a Christian's life today model holiness and sincerity?
5. Why and how does the behavior of some believers change when they are with other Christians compared to when they are with nonbelievers?
6. What things do you take pride in? Why? How does your attitude glorify God?

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