

Title: Encouraging Others

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

- All God's people need encouragement
1 Samuel 30:6; Psalm 23:4; 34:4; Job 13:15; Matthew 26:37-38; 39, 42
- God takes us all through the school of adversity
Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4
- Paul and his team were not exempt from trial
- Adversity causes the fragrance of Christ to flow out from me
2 Corinthians 2:13-14; Song of Solomon 4:12-14, 16
- He is not victorious who never had a trial
Romans 8:31, 37; Philippians 4:13; Job 13:15; Mark 14:36
- Paul knew what it meant to be overwhelmed by trials
2 Corinthians 1:8
- God is our source of mercy and comfort 2 Corinthians 1:3
- I must not keep God's comfort to myself 2 Corinthians 1:4
- God's comfort is in proportion to my troubles 2 Corinthians 1:5-8
Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 16:9
- My trials should crowd me to the cross and empty tomb 2 Corinthians 1:9
Romans 6:6-8, 11; Galatians 2:20; Romans 8:36; Matthew 16:24-25
- My Salvation is in three tenses: 2 Corinthians 1:10
 - ✓ Past - I was delivered from hell
 - ✓ Present - God continues to deliver me from temptation and the power of Satan
1 Peter 5:8
 - ✓ Future - God's grace is sufficient to save me for eternity
Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:32, 35-38

Five ways that God comforts me

- 1) in giving me salvation
- 2) by giving me the Holy Spirit
- 3) through the Bible
- 4) by delivering and healing me
- 5) through the prayers and encouragement of fellow believers 2 Corinthians 1:11
1 Samuel 12:23