



## THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

### 2nd CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

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**A NEW PARADIGM FOR A NEW YEAR: WEAKNESS CAN BE YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH**

**BIG IDEA: The same God that turns weakness into strength promises to be your “God of all comfort.”**

### 2 CORINTHIANS 1 ESV

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

### THE UNIVERSAL NEED FOR COMFORT: AFFLICTIONS ABOUND.

(3-4a)

#### 1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

### THE ULTIMATE SOURCE FOR COMFORT: GOD (3)

### THE UNIFYING PURPOSE FOR COMFORT: TO PASS ON TO OTHERS (4-7)

### PAUL'S TESTIMONY: YOU CAN TRUST THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT! (8-11)

For next Sunday, read 2 Cor. 1:12-2:17

2 Corinthians

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weakness can be your greatest  
strength.**

# BIG IDEA:

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## Greeting

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the church of God that is at Corinth,  
with all the saints who are in the whole  
of Achaia: Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-2



## God of All Comfort

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4



with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation;

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:5-6**



and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:6-7**



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afflictions abound. (3-4a)**



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**Paul's testimony:**

**you can trust the God of  
all comfort. (8-11)**



For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:8**



Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:9**



He delivered us from such a deadly peril,  
and he will deliver us. On him we have  
set our hope that he will deliver us again.  
You also must help us by prayer, so that  
many will give thanks on our behalf for  
the blessing granted us through the  
prayers of many.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:10-11**



“But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:9B**



You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

**2 CORINTHIANS 1:11**