



PAIN

Responding to Pain

2 Corinthians

Sermon Text

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother and the church of God in Corinth, together with the saints throughout Achaia: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ.

Comfort

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the Father of mercies, who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort

others who are in any affliction, in the way that we ourselves have been comforted. In part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Because I was confident of this, I wrote you that I would visit you and to Macedonia, and then I planned to visit you on my way to Judaea. 16 I intended to see you and to come to you, but I was hindered by the Lord Jesus Christ. 17 I am not ashamed, for I know that I will come to you and will bring you with me, that you may see me face to face. 18 I will not be ashamed, for I know that I will come to you and will bring you with me, that you may see me face to face. 19 I will not be ashamed, for I know that I will come to you and will bring you with me, that you may see me face to face.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.

Accusations against Paul

- They questioned his authority. (2 Corinthians 3:1)
- They questioned his teachings. (Acts 18:13).
- They questioned his character. (2 Corinthians 1:12-20)
- They questioned his ability. (1 Cor 2:4, 2 Cor 4, 2 Cor 2:17)

A Tearful Letter



Sermon Outline

- PERSPECTIVE (2 Cor 1:1-2)
- PRAISE (2 Cor 1:3)
- PRESENCE (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- PURPOSE (2 Cor 1:5-7, 9)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **to the church of God** in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 1:1-2

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

2 Cor 5:16



Our Response to Pain

- PERSPECTIVE (2 Cor 1:1-2)
- **PRAISE (2 Cor 1:3)**
- PRESENCE (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- PURPOSE (2 Cor 1:5-7, 9)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

2 Cor 1:3

“It is not that I want to praise God but rather I need to praise Him lest I forget I have a big God that lives beside me & I live in fear”

John Ortberg

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with
praise, give thanks to him and praise his name

Psalm 100:4

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who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Cor 1:4

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- **PURPOSE (2 Cor 1:5-7, 9)**

For he wounds, but he also binds up;
he injures, but his hands also heal.
¹⁹ From six calamities he will rescue you;
in seven no harm will touch you.
²⁰ In famine he will deliver you from death,
and in battle from the stroke of the sword

Job 5:18-20

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2 Cor 1:5-7

Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened **that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.**

2 Cor 1:9

I suggest to you that it is because God loves us that He gave us the gift of suffering. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world. You see, we are like blocks of stone out of which the Sculptor carves the forms of men. The blows of his chisel, which hurt us so much are what makes us perfect.

CS Lewis