

The God of All Comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Topics: Compassion, Despair, Endurance, Hope, Prayer, Rest, Sacrifice, Suffering, Testing

Open It

- * 1. How do you normally react to hardship or suffering?
- 2. Why do people sometimes blame God for difficult circumstances?

Explore It

- 3. How did Paul describe God? (1:3)
- 4. Why do you think Paul began his letter by praising God? (1:3)
- 5. What does God do when we are troubled? (1:4)
- * 6. How does God involve Himself in our troubles? (1:4-5)
- 7. What did Paul's distress produce for the Corinthians? (1:6)
- 8. In what way is patient endurance produced in Christians? (1:6)
- 9. Why did Paul tell the Corinthians about the hardships he had endured? (1:8)
- * 10. Why did Paul despair? (1:8)
- 11. How did Paul's confidence in God enable him to rise above his despair? (1:8-10)
- 12. For what reason did Paul endure suffering? (1:9)
- * 13. How did the Corinthians help Paul through his hardships? (1:11)
- 14. What was the gracious favor Paul anticipated? (1:11)

Get It

- 15. How does God want us to help one another in difficult circumstances?
- 16. Who do you know who is experiencing hardship?
- * 17. How can you help other Christians who are suffering?
- 18. When have you ever suffered for the gospel?
- * 19. How have other Christians helped you through difficult circumstances?
- 20. How can you rely more on God instead of yourself in times of hardship?
- 21. What can we do to learn patience and endurance from our hardships?

Apply It

- * 22. How could you remind yourself to pray this week for Christians who are suffering hardship for their faith?
- 23. What can you do this week to show love and concern for a Christian brother or sister who is suffering?