

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Round 10: Overcoming Heartache”

“Overcomer – Beating Your Enemy to the Punch” – Pt. 10

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 & Selected

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

As an Overcomer During Times of Heartache...

1. I will fall completely into the God of all comfort.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.” Vs. 3

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

2. I will understand that suffering comes to every person.

“...who comforts us in all our affliction.” Vs. 4a

Why does God allow suffering among the righteous?

- 1) To refine and prove our faith.
- 2) To shift our focus off this world.
- 3) To draw our hearts toward Heaven.
- 4) To help us discern what is truly most important.
- 5) To remind us that sin has consequences.
- 6) To make known God’s great compassion for us.
- 7) To strengthen us for a greater purpose.
- 8) To enable us to help other people in need.

3. I will redeem the pain by finding the purpose.

"...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."

Vs. 4b

"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." John 14:16

4. I will patiently endure when the pain seems unbearable.

"If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer." Vs. 6

See Romans 5:1-5

5. I will learn that God can always be trusted!

"Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort." Vs. 7

See Habakkuk 3:16-19

Round 10 Knockout Punch:

**When the enemy seeks to disable me,
I will trust my God to enable me!**