

POWER IN WEAKNESS: The God of All Comfort

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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

Introduction: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Big Idea: To have power in weakness you have to know how to _____ painful life circumstances.

Principle #1-See the _____ (1-4a)

OLD TESTAMENT FOR TROUBLE

- *Tsarah – to press or be squeezed into a narrow place*
- *Akar – to stir up so as to confuse, perplex and cause distress*
- *Ra – a term that refers to sin and its effects*

NEW TESTAMENT FOR TROUBLE

- *Thlipsis – affliction and tribulation; including the idea of pressure when one item is rubbed against another*
- *Terache (verb tarasso) – stir, stir up, disturb, provoke. a stirring that leads to confusion all the while demanding a response*
- *Skullo – flay, mangle, tear with a focus largely on the effects of a troublesome event is likely to have on someone.*

Truth to claim: God is the God of all comfort therefore ALL THAT I _____ GOD _____!

Principle #2-See the _____ : GOD WANTS TO COMFORT ME (4b-5)

WORDS FOR COMFORT

- Greek: PARAKALEO – “to call to one’s side”
- Latin: CONFORTIS -- “_____ together”

Truth to claim: God wants me to face my troubles and *brave them together* with Him therefore **IN MY HURT, I MEET GOD AT _____!**

Principle #3-Understand the _____ : God uses comforted people to comfort others (6-7)

God comforts me with his:

- _____ (Hebrews 13:5)
- Blessings (Ephesians 1:3-10)
- Protection (Romans 8:38-39)
- _____ (Philippians 4:19)
- Promises (2 Peter 1:4)

Truth to claim: Through God’s comfort I become the voice of God to speak his comfort to others who are hurting. Hurt People – Hurt People. Comforted People—Comfort People!

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17 (ESV)

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, **17** comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Connect Card: How is God meeting you right now in your hurt? How can we pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

WARM UP: *Think about some of the difficult situations you have faced in life. How do difficulties change people, for better or for worse?*

v. 3, 4 Who comforts who here?

v. 3, 4 How is God described in these verses? What does this tell us about God's relationship to us and his character?

v. 4, 5 How is Paul comforted?

v.5 What did Christ suffer?

v. 5, 6 Why does Paul suffer?

What troubles have you experienced as a result of being a follower of Jesus Christ?

What is the worst trouble that you can imagine striking you?

How can the phrase "the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles (3-4) transform your life right now?"

CLOSING PRAYER: Pray asking that each one in the group would experience the God of all comfort.