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Scriptures for further study

Philippians 4:11-13 | Romans 8:35-37 | 2 Corinthians 11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 Corinthians 1:3-10

“When we are at our lowest, we find God at His resurrection best.”-Dr. Steve Cortis

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-10. Write down your initial impressions and observations. Keep your responses close by as you work through the following questions.
2. In verses 3-4, why do you think Paul mentions that God the Father is the “Father of mercies?” What are some of the mercies that God the Father has shown toward us?
3. What does it mean that “we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings” (verse 5)? What does sharing someone else’s sufferings and comfort from God produce in us (verse 6)?
4. Being a Christian doesn’t exempt you from suffering. Paul viewed suffering as an opportunity to fully rely on God (verses 8-10). How do you recognize when you are relying on yourself? What are the benefits of relying on God more than yourself?
5. God, in His mercy and comfort, taught Paul powerful lessons for life's afflictions, large and small. “I cannot rely on me for life. I am not enough.” Paul learned to rely on God the Father and the resurrected Christ for his life. Given this perspective, what lessons are you learning about your own life during this current pandemic?
6. Will you make it a point this week to reach out to someone who is experiencing some level of suffering and affliction? Seek to comfort them by writing a note, sending an email or giving them a call to let them know that they are greatly loved by the resurrected Christ.