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# I HAVE A FRIEND WHO... IS DISAPPOINTED WITH LIFE

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 NLT

WHEN YOUR FRIEND IS DISAPPOINTED WITH LIFE:

## 1. **COMFORT** them. (v.3-5) (to give strength and hope to; to ease the grief or trouble of.)

*"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with His comfort through Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:4-5 (NLT)*

## 2. Allow God to use your **PAIN**. (6-9a)

*<sup>6</sup>"Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. <sup>7</sup> We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. <sup>8</sup> We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. <sup>9</sup> In fact, we expected to die." 2 Corinthians 1:6-9 (NLT)*

*"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble..." Psalm 107:2 (ESV)*

## 3. Give them **HOPE**. (9b-11)

*"But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.<sup>10</sup> And He did rescue us from mortal danger, and He will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in Him, and He will continue to rescue us. <sup>11</sup> And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety." 2 Corinthians 1:9-11 (NLT)*