

Returning to the Authentic Gospel
Reconciling Our Suffering
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

ONE THING

Our victory in Christ rises above this FALLEN world as we FOCUS on our FOUNDATION and release abundant FAITH.

1. Our REALITY of Suffering

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Affliction - trouble involving direct suffering—‘trouble and suffering, suffering, persecution.’

Sufferings - to suffer pain—‘pain, suffering, to suffer, to be in pain.’

John 16:33 (ESV) — I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

- ***Suffering is not primarily the results of moral FAILURE, nor lack of FAITH, but a FALLEN world.***

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2. Our REMEDY in Suffering

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Ten times in this passage the word “comfort” is used...

Paul spoke more about suffering and God’s comfort than any of the other NT authors...

There are two forms of the word, “comfort” used by Paul here...

→ Pic of Comfort

παρακαλέω (parakaleo)

παράκλησις (paraklasis)

To cause someone to be encouraged or consoled, either by verbal or non-verbal means—‘to encourage, to console, encouragement.

Let’s look at another form of this word...

→ Pic of Comforter

παρακαλέω (parakaleo)
παράκλησις (paraklasis)
Παράκλητος – (paraklatos)

(Title used for the Holy Spirit) One who helps, by consoling, encouraging, or mediating on behalf of
‘Helper, Encourager, Mediator’

John 14:16 (ESV) — And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

➤ ***Our faith must SHIFT from our SELF to our SAVIOR!***

Matthew 11:28 (ESV) — Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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3. Our RELIANCE through Suffering

2 Corinthians 1:8–10 (ESV) — For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had

received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Self-reliance is the greatest danger against living a life of faith!

- ***In our CONVERSION Jesus saved us from our SINS. In our SANCTIFICATION Jesus saves us from our SELF.***

Jesus said, “Apart from me you can do nothing!”

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4. Our REVELATION from Suffering

- ***PRAYER RELEASES God's Comfort***

2 Corinthians 1:11 (ESV) — You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

→ ***STORY – Pilgrims from England to Holland to America***

- ***MINISTRY REPRODUCES God's Comfort***

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Our suffering matters!

→ ***STORY – Detrich Bonhoffer***

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nor lack of _____, but a _____ world.**

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3. Our _____ through Suffering

- **In our _____ Jesus saved us from our _____. In
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Crossgates, Wed Worship

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