

Message: *Disappointed with God – Ministry Out of Pain*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...grace and peace to you. 2 Corinthians 1:1-2

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

And if I go the comforter will come to help you. John 16:7

THAT WE MAY BE PREPARED TO COMFORT OTHERS.

So that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:4

We don't want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters about the hardships we suffered. We were under great pressure far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. 2 Corinthians 1:8

THAT WE MIGHT NOT RELY ON OURSELVES BUT ON GOD.

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God. 2 Corinthians 1:9

To keep me from becoming conceited there was given to me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me, but he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

For I know the plans that I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

THAT WE MIGHT LEARN TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. 2 Corinthians 1:10-11

1. When the suffering hits, as time passes and it doesn't leave, instead of focusing only on yourself now, try to think of the benefits to others later.
2. Rather than fighting, surrender. Rather than resisting, release.
3. Instead of going it alone, look for brothers and sisters in Christ to walk with you.