



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

E Komo Mai!

**Mahalo for worshipping
with us!**

*Nursery and Kids' Church
are available.*

Need Prayer?

prayer@gracekona.org



Events

Wed, 1/21, 5:15p Prayer,
6:00p Foundation Class

Thurs, 1/22, 6:30p
Thursday Night Grace
Group

Sat, 1/24, 10:00a
Pickleball

Sun, 1/25, 9:30a Prayer &
Coffee & Fellowship,
10:00a Worship Service

Giving



*Via Giving box (in back),
mail a check, or QR code.*

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Sermon Title: The God of All Comfort

(2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

Aaron Lorshbough, Elder

I. The War Room of the Apostle's Heart

II. Corinth's World of Power, Persuasion, and Honor

III. The Offense of the Cross and the Refusal of Rhetorical Glory

IV. Weakness as the True Mark of Gospel Authority

Grace Group Discussion Questions

God of All Comfort

(2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

1. Why does Paul introduce himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God? How does this remind us of some of Paul's struggles with the church in Corinth we encountered in 1 Corinthians?
2. Why is Timothy included in the introduction? (see 1 Corinthians 16:10-11)
3. Verse 2 is a familiar opening in all of Paul's letters, but discuss why grace and peace are so important. Why does "grace" always precede "peace" in order?
4. Paul opens verse 3 in praising God. How can he praise God, given how much he suffered as an apostle of Jesus? Why is this important to us now?
5. Paraklesis (all comfort) means more than soothing comfort; it means to help, to strengthen, to make strong. Where is the source of this comfort, both then and now (see John 14:15-31)? How is our suffering used to benefit others? Share some examples of how God has comforted you during suffering and how God has used your suffering to comfort others.
6. Discuss the sufferings of Jesus (temptations in the wilderness, rejection of his brothers, betrayal by Judas, denial by Peter and suffering before and on the cross). How much does Jesus and the Father understand our suffering? How did the Corinthian saints and how do we share in the sufferings of Christ? Likewise, how do we share abundantly in His comfort too?
7. Paul probably suffered much more than those in the Corinthian church, so why does he use the term "same sufferings" in verse 6? How did Paul's patience endurance of suffering help those in Corinth?
8. The affliction mentioned in verse 8 could be related to the riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:23 -20:1), plots of the Jews (Acts 20:17-28) or even health problems ("sentence of death" at that time often meant sickness). Discuss which of these seems more likely. Regardless of what the affliction was, how did God use it to build up saints?
9. Why did Paul call the saints in Corinth to prayer? What was the purpose of the prayers? Why is prayer important to us individually and as a church?