

“The God of all Comfort”

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel changes everything.

Who is God?

What Does God Do?

Who am I?

What Do I Do?

The Gospel Ladder in Review

Who is God?

- He is the Father of compassion (3a)
- He is the God of all comfort/counsel (3b)

What Does God Do?

- He feels compassion/mercies toward us (vs. 3)
- He brings personal comfort/counsel to us (4)
- Despairing of life? Good news! He raises the dead! (vs. 9b)
- He has delivered us from deadly peril (10a)
- He will continue to deliver us from deadly peril (10b)

Who am I?

- If He is my Father, then I am His children! (3)
- I am blessed to be a blessing (4)
- I am patient in suffering (5-7)
- I am struck down, but not destroyed (1:8-11; 4:7-11)

What Do I Do?

- I comfort other with the comfort we ourselves have received (4)
- I share in the sufferings of Christ, but also His comforts (5-7)
- I rely not on myself, but on God (9)
- I trust that He is able to resurrect what seems dead (9)
- I choose to hope in my Deliverer (10)
- I pray for others as we each face unique battles (11)

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. Why is it special that Paul describes God as the Father of compassion AND the God of all comfort?
2. What kind of relationship do I have with God because I am His child?
3. What pain has God allowed in your life that hurts so badly right now? What seems dead? What is causing you to despair or lose all hope?
4. How might you, by FAITH, lay these burdens down and receive His comfort?
5. Review the "What Do I Do" list. *How would you like us to pray for you?*