

God's Comfort in Our Chaos

II Corinthians 1:1-11

3 Realities of Afflictions/Trials/Suffering:

- I. Our suffering allows us to _____ others (v. 4)
- II. Our suffering _____ us with Jesus Christ (v. 5, Isaiah 53:3, Matthew 16:24, I Peter 2:21)
- III. Our suffering causes us to _____ in God (v. 9)

There is comfort in our affliction knowing there is a purpose. God is not a mean or evil taskmaster like Satan who afflicts for no purpose. God uses suffering to refine us so we can minister to the body of believers and in the end, produce more trust and faith in God Himself.

3 Responses to Afflictions/Trials/Suffering:

- I. Compassionately _____ and _____ for others (v.4, 11, John 16:7)
- II. Faithfully _____ as God comforts you (v. 6, 10-11, I Peter 2:20)

We are not called to prevail, but rather persevere faithfully

- III. Expectantly wait until God has been _____ (v.9, II Cor. 4:8-11)