

Shared Suffering and Shared Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

In what ways might God's work in our lives be _____?

Problematic Ironies...

Paul: A _____ apostle: 2 Corinthians 10:1, 10

Paul: A _____ apostle: 2 Corinthians 11:23

Jesus: A _____ Messiah: Philippians 2:7

Jesus: A _____ Messiah: Philippians 2:8

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1-2: Blessing from God by way of _____ to church in Corinth

_____ : the gift of God in Christ

Forgiveness & relationship: loved children

_____ :

the profound well-being that comes from truly understanding
and _____ God's grace in Christ

3-7: God _____ us so we can _____ others

Praise to our God of all _____

_____ suffered so we could be saved

_____ shared abundantly in Christ's sufferings

As a missionary and church _____

Paul's suffering was for their comfort & salvation

_____ 's comfort (from God) abounded through Christ

Paul's comfort was for their _____

The same should be true for _____...and for _____

8-10: Paul lived in intense _____ filled with hope

Paul experienced great _____

With purpose: no longer rely on _____

Rather, rely on _____ who can raise the dead!

_____ in the sovereignty and mercy of God

He delivered, and we will keep delivering

11: _____ was built through prayer and thanksgiving

Their _____ were essential to Paul's hope

When God comforts and delivers,

many pray-ers would then give thanks to God

The Big Idea:

God is at work in our sufferings in Christ

to _____ us and to _____ us

so we can _____ and _____ others

in a growing community of _____ to God

Suffering "in Christ"

When we turn to _____ in our trouble

In _____, submission, and trust

If the trouble is caused by _____ sin

If the trouble is caused by _____ sin

When following Christ is the _____ for our trouble

Obedying when obeying hurts and is _____

Loving and _____ other people when it is costly

_____ the trouble of others

The Value of Suffering

It is not _____ good

Yet God _____ it for good

In Jesus:

His crucifixion purchased our _____ * Isaiah 53:5

He "_____ " obedience through suffering * Hebrews 5:8

He became a high priest who _____ with our us * Hebrews 4:15

In us:

It make us rely on _____ rather than _____

We learn to _____ His power and His mercy and _____ Him

God uses it to bring Christ's "_____ " (new life in Christ,
hope, strength, joy, ...) to others

But only for a _____ * Revelation 21:3-4

Application

Suffer "in Christ"

_____ even when costly With _____ in Christ

Forgive & "_____ " others With _____ in Christ

Walk with others in their suffering Together with _____ 's people

Live for His _____

_____ others in Christ * Romans 12:10, 16; 14:13; 15:7

In _____ and patience

With _____ and prayer

Through help and _____ * Psalm 2:11-12

Hope in the day when all suffering will be _____ * 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Reflection

- Where in your life is God doing an "ironic work"? (see 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- Who has "come alongside" you? How did God use that? Have you thanked God and those people?
- Whom is God calling you to "come alongside"? What steps will you take to be obedient to this call?