

PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST BY THE WILL OF GOD, AND TIMOTHY OUR BROTHER TO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH IS AT CORINTH, WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHO ARE IN ALL ACHAJIA: GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF MERCIES AND GOD OF ALL COMFORT, WHO COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR TRIBULATION, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, WITH THE COMFORT WITH WHICH WE OURSELVES ARE COMFORTED BY GOD. FOR AS THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AROUND IN US, SO OUR CONSOLATION ALSO AROUND, THROUGH CHRIST. NOW IF WE ARE AFFLICTED, IT IS FOR YOUR CONSOLATION AND SALVATION, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE FOR ENDURING THE SAME SUFFERINGS WHICH WE ALSO SUFFER. OR IF WE ARE COMFORTED, IT IS FOR YOUR CONSOLATION AND SALVATION, AND OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS STEADFAST, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT AS YOU ARE PARTAKERS OF THE SUFFERINGS, SO ALSO YOU WILL PARTAKE OF THE CONSOLATION. FOR WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE IGNORANT, BRETHREN, OF OUR TROUBLE WHICH CAME TO US IN ASIA; THAT WE WERE BURDENED BEYOND MEASURE ABOVE STRENGTH, SO THAT WE DESPAIRED EVEN OF LIFE. YES, WE HAD THE SENTENCE OF DEATH IN OURSELVES, THAT WE SHOULD NOT TRUST IN OURSELVES BUT IN GOD WHO RAISES THE DEAD, WHO DELIVERED US FROM SO GREAT A DEATH, AND DOES DELIVER US, IN WHOM WE TRUST THAT HE WILL STILL DELIVER US, YOU ALSO HELPING TOGETHER IN PRAYER FOR US, THAT THANKS MAY BE GIVEN BY MANY PERSONS ON OUR BEHALF FOR THE GIFT GRANTED TO US THROUGH MANY.

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SUFFERERS YET COMFORTERS

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11 | PASTOR DEAN HAUN

Is there a greater purpose in our suffering and trials than just endurance and trying to make it through whatever personal hardship we face?

God's Word speaks often about a believer's suffering (See James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 1:29)

Without question our trials teach us to rely on God rather than self. But is there an even greater purpose for them?

I want you to see four movements in this text that gives us the answer.

After Paul opens with his normal warm greeting (vs. 1-2), notice first:

I. Paul's _____ to the God of All Comfort (vs. 3)

Paul begins by praising God. Take note of his three descriptions of God (1:3a):

1) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

2) *...the Father of mercies...*

(See Exodus 34:6-7a; Psalm 103:8; 103:2-4; Lamentations 3:22-23).

3) *...and God of all comfort.*

(paraklesis) - *encouragement, strengthening, or coming alongside....*the same word which describes the Holy Spirit, the *Paraclete*, the One who comes along side us.

May we always begin with praise first, with doxology rather than despair! (See Judges 1:2)

Now Paul is ready to share his story of how God comforted him.

II. Paul's _____ Testimony of God's Comfort (vv. 8-10)

(1:8a)- *For we do not want you to be ignorant (unaware), brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia (most likely Ephesus)...*

(1:8b) - ...*that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength so that we despaired even of life.* (See 2 Timothy 3:12).

(1:9) - *Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead...*

Paul could hear death's voice whispering in his ear...

(1:10) - ...*who delivered us from so great a death (past), and does deliver us (present); in whom we trust that He will still deliver us (future)...*

III. Paul's Thanksgiving for _____ - _____ as part of God's Comfort (v. 11)

(1:11) - ...*you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.*

Thank God for prayer partners!

IV. Paul's Declared _____ in God Comforting Our Lives (vs. 3b-7)

Look at the pattern at the end of vs. 3...

(1:3b) - ...*the God of all comfort...*

(1:4) - ...*who comforts us in all our tribulation...that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, ...with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

- We are SUFFERERS YET COMFORTERS! God comforts us SO THAT we can become channels of His comfort to others.

(1:5a) - *For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us...and indeed, they did* (See 2 Corinthians 11)

Paul knew that all his sufferings allowed him to fellowship with the sufferings of Christ.

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(1:5b) - ...so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

The word 'consolation' comes from the same Greek word as 'comfort' producing the word for the Paraclete – the Comforter – the Holy Spirit.

(1:6) - Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

God has a larger purpose for our suffering...it is that we might comfort and strengthen others!

(1:7) - And our hope for you is steadfast (unshaken), because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

Is there a way God could use you to encourage others that are going through similar trials? God comforts us in all afflictions, so we can comfort others. He teaches us to rely on Him through overwhelming trials.

5 QUICK action steps for believers going through trials and suffering:

_____ : Begin every trial with "Blessed be God..."

_____ : Run to God for comfort today.

_____ : Use your story to comfort someone this week.

_____ : In weakness, trust the God who raises the dead.

_____ : Commit to interceding for others.

Jesus suffered for us and now intercedes for us that we might find _____ in our trials to _____ others.

CALL UPON the LORD to be SAVED...

"Lord, I know I am a sinner, and I cannot save myself from my sins. I now turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ paid for my sin on the cross and that He rose again from the dead. Take control of my life, Lord Jesus. I believe You are my Savior and Lord. I commit my life to You right now! In Jesus name I pray...Amen!"

Welcome to First Baptist Church Morristown!

FIRST TIME?

Pastor Dean and his wife, Pam, will be at the Pastor's Reception off the main lobby following today's service and would love the opportunity to say hello.

If you are interested in joining our church, please come by the Connect Room across from the sanctuary so we can help you start the process of membership.



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8:30AM CELEBRATION SERVICE

9:45AM CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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May 3rd Offering: \$123,150

May 10th Offering: \$83,365

May 17th Offering: \$92,985

May 24th Offering: \$86,796

May 31st Offering: \$81,597

YTD Receipts: \$1,885,462

Difference: (\$145,292)

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CHURCHWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Appreciation

Each month, we are recognizing some of the great ministries and people that serve our church. This month, we are celebrating our **Lay Leaders**, our deacons and committee members! Thank you so much for your dedicated service to our church!

Virtual Tour of Israel

June 11th | 6:00PM | \$75

Join us for worship, a taste of mediterranean food, and a virtual reality tour of Israel. **Register at fbcmtn.com/events or contact Emily Carpenter for more information.**

Freedom Celebration

June 28th

Worship: 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Fellowship at Harrell Park that evening:
Inflatables at 4:00PM,
Fireworks start at sundown

CHILDREN

Day Camp

June 22nd-24th | 1st-3rd Grade | \$35
Deadline to register is June 7th.
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Junior Camp

July 15th-18th | 3rd-6th Grade
Deadline to register is June 22nd.
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STUDENTS

Crossings Summer Camp

July 2nd-6th | 7th-12th Grade
Register at fbcmtn.com/events

SENIOR ADULTS

Brunch

June 9th | 10:00AM
Zach and Rebekah Feldman will be sharing with us.

Yacht Cruise

June 18th | \$60
Leave church at 11:30AM
Deadline to register is June 9th.

MISSIONS

Summer Mission Trip

Bulgaria: August 8th-16th
We will minister to Ukrainian middle school and high school children through summer camps. The deadline to register and make your trip deposit is June 17th. We currently have 10 spots available!
Register at fbcmtn.com/events.



Want more information?

To learn about serving, submit a prayer request, or learn more about future events, please scan the QR code or go to fbcmtn.com/links.

Today's Flowers:

In Memory of Rev. Randle & Dorothy Jones Wedding Anniversary

By Deborah Wolfe, Steve & Jan Steltzman

In Memory of Marjorie Staggers

By Pam Haun

In Memory of Agnes Swaim's Birthday

By Patsy Gosnell, Steve & Linda Rippetoe