



TITLE | Communicable Comfort
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5** For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. **7** Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-7. Identify all the words the apostle Paul uses relating to affliction. Now, identify all the words Paul uses relating to comfort. What would you say this passage is about? What questions does it answer?

Tuesday:

In 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, how do you think the comfort of which Paul writes might be different than our modern cultural conception of comfort? What difference does this make? Read 2 Corinthians 1:6. In the midst of our own affliction, what is our part in receiving comfort? How do we patiently endure?

Wednesday:

Read Daniel 3:1-30. How did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego endure suffering as opposed to trying to escape it? How were they comforted? Who is the fourth man and where did he meet the three Jews? Why is this significant?

Thursday:

Read Psalm 25:16-21, written by David. How does David describe his affliction? In verse 21, what do "integrity" and "uprightness" (ESV) have to do with patient endurance of affliction?

Friday:

According to 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, how are we equipped to comfort others? Who might need your comfort today? How will you comfort them?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I am trusting you to come alongside me in my affliction because it is beyond my strength to bear. Help me to endure. I surrender to your hand in anticipation of your comfort—the comfort that prepares me to comfort others. Amen.