

Jars of Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

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If God is going to use us to comfort hurting people, we must first learn what it is to be hurting people who need comfort.

- I. Comfort is Available (3-7)
 - A. God is the source of comfort (3-4)
 1. Latin – “with strength”
 2. Greek – “to come alongside and help”
 3. Life
 - a. Active – “who comforts us”
 - b. Extensive – “in all our tribulation”
 - c. Purposive – “that we may be able”
 - d. Specific – “in any trouble”
 - B. We are the conduit of comfort (5-7)
 1. As we suffer
 2. As we share
 - a. Physically
 - b. Morally
 - c. Spiritually
- II. Deliverance is Possible (8-10)
 - A. Not through our efforts (8-9)
 1. “despaired” – no passage, no exit
 2. “sentence of death” – no resources
 - a. Intellectual – can’t think a way out
 - b. Physical – can’t fight a way out
 - c. Emotional – can’t feel a way out
 - B. Totally through God’s efforts (10)
 1. Sometimes He delivers us from our trials
 2. Sometimes He delivers us in our trials
- III. Involvement is Crucial (11)
 - A. We help in praying together
 - B. We help after praying together

So What?

- ❖ God can use our struggles to increase our faith.
- ❖ God can use our faith to ease their suffering.
- ❖ God can use our experiences to draw us together.