

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

COMFORTED BY GOD TO COMFORT OTHERS

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

We have seen from Scripture that God has a purpose in all the hardships and pains of His people. Here is a purpose we need to embrace and commit to in love.

1. The Character of God: Father of mercies & God all comfort

An article of faith for Paul and all God's children.

2. God comforts us in ALL our afflictions.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in our hearts – assuring us of our sonship, Christ's presence, God's undying love, God's good purposes, holding on to us when we are too weak to hold on to Him. He does this primarily through the Word of God. Roman 15:4 & through the ministry of bearing one another's burdens in love. Prayer is vitally important in this. 2 Cor.1:10,11

3. Our Father comforts us in our afflictions so that we may be made able to comfort others in theirs.

Suffering & God's grace work together to humble us, to make us more sensitive to the plight of others, to give us inside understanding.... And God's comfort gives us what we need to share and help.

4. But this requires us to look past our pain to the need of others and commit ourselves.

This is what our Savior did for us: Philippians 2:5-8, Romans 15:1-3 Think of Christ's suffering for you, and resolve by His grace to turn your trials and afflictions into paths of service for others.