

HALLELUJAH

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2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Hallelujah When it Hurts

0. When you face suffering (of hardship, trouble or other difficult times), where do you go first for comfort?

1. In 2 Corinthians 1:3, how is God the Father described?

v3. Praise be to

- a. the _____,
- b. the _____ and
- c. the _____,

2. Consider the way God responds to our pain and why it matters:

v4a. who _____ us in _____ our troubles

- How vast is His care – do you believe? What have you experienced?

V4b-10

Why God's comfort matters! Circle the text that particularly speaks to you...	Discuss...
4b so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.	How do our afflictions help qualify us to comfort others?

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8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.	How had hardship and pain affected Paul?
10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,	What confidence had Paul gained for the future?
11 as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.	What did the Corinthians do to help Paul?

3. When in your life did you feel God's comfort the most?

4. Think of someone who is going through hardship, a person you care about — how might you bring encouragements of God's comfort?

Next step. In what ways can you “give away” the comfort you received? (Acts 20:35)