

HOW TO FACE ADVERSITY

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“Your Adversity, The Comfort to Others” - 1 Corinthians 1:1-10

Adversity is a transformational process that God allows in your life!!!

2 Corinthians 1:1-10. ESV

*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.

The God of all consolation

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.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that He will deliver us again.

v.9 In fact, within ourselves we already had the death sentence, so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead,

Proposition:

There are four things that we can learn in this passage about Adversity that could help us experience the same comfort that Paul experienced in the midst of his adversity

I. Paul begins by B God despite the adversities in his Life.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort

It is important that in the midst of adversity we bless the Lord.

Job 2. NKJV

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

1:20-22, NKJV

20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

And naked shall I return there.

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;

Blessed be the name of the Lord."

22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

II. Paul wants them to know that God's comfort will be there for _____ of our Adversities."

⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction....

- Did you know that tribulations are many and always diverse?

James 1. NKJV

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

Greetings. ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

- **Various: ποικίλοις. (poikilos). = multicolor ...**

God of Comfort = Paracleto = implies

- Coming and being next to others
- Relieving the pain of another in the midst of his pain,
- implies coming next to that person to strengthen them so that they be strong while facing the difficulties.

"⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulations...

III. Paul wants them to know God's P _____ in Comforting them.

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.

^{4b} so that we maybe able to comfort those who are in any affliction

- God expects you to use your experiences for the purpose of helping others...

⁴ that we too may comfort those who are in any affliction,

The word tribulation and affliction is the same in the Greek = θλίψις = dslipsis

IV. W _____ and w _____ does God uses to comfort us?

- God comforts us through Other People

2 Corinthians 7:6-7 ESV

⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷ and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

^{4b} 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.