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HOW TO FACE ADVERSITY

FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Week 5

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“Your Adversity, The Comfort to Others”

2 Corinthians 1:1-10



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.

2 Corinthians 1:1-10. ESV

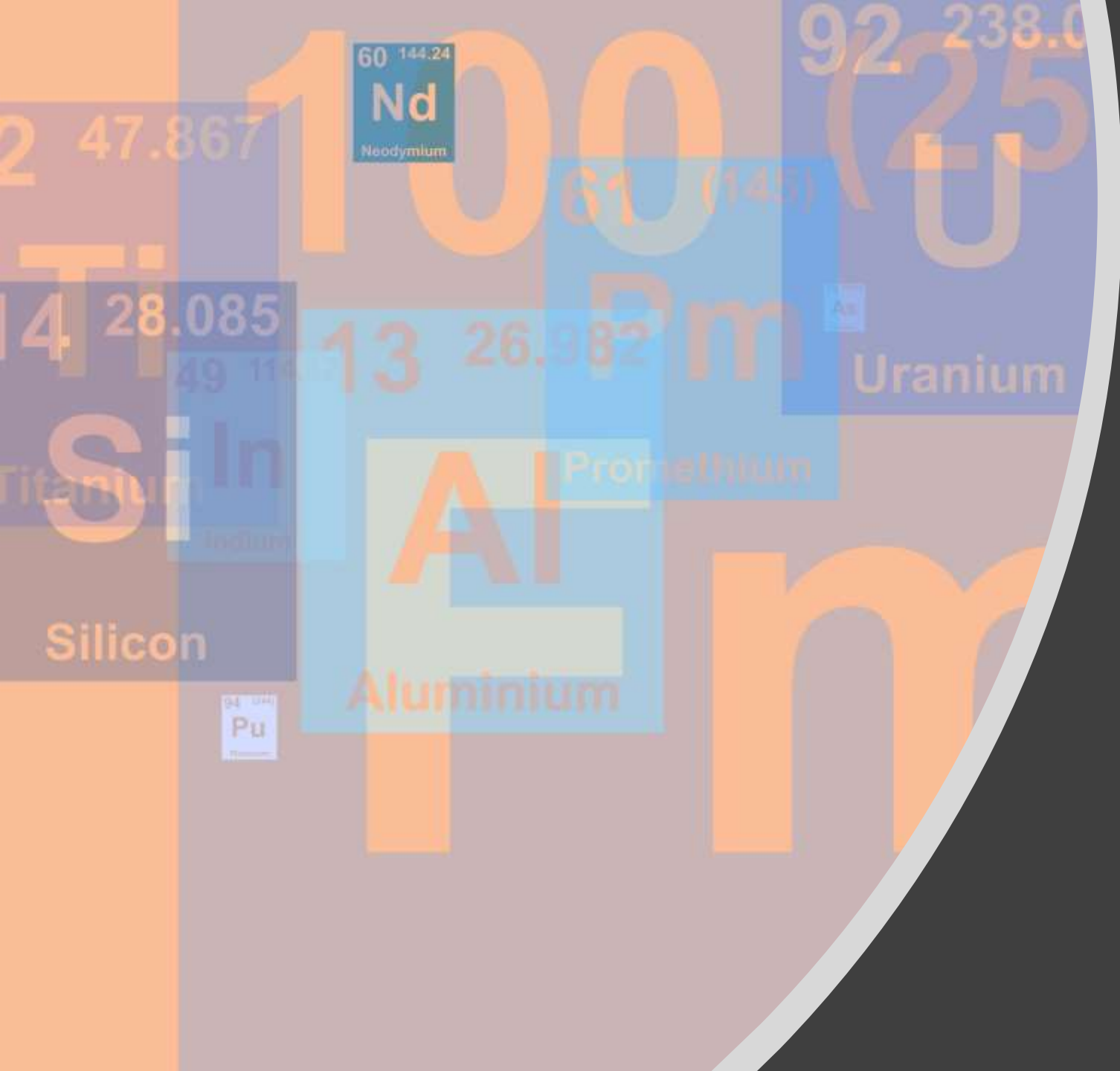
- ***³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,***
- ***⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.***

2 Corinthians 1:1-10. ESV

- ***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.***

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- ***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.***



**What is Paul's
main point in
this text?**

1 Cor. 1:3-7

2 Corinthians 1:1-10. ESV

- 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.***

2 Corinthians 1:1-10. ESV

- **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*.**

There are four things that Paul wants his readers to consider in this passage.

I. Paul Begins Blessing 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***

- **Father of mercies and God of all comfort**

- Ephesians 1:3. Paul blesses God for the **past** ...
Chose you for salvation
- 2 Cor. 1:3. Paul blesses God for the **present**....
 - **Adversities.**
Praise God during Adversities
- 1 Peter 1:3. Peter Blesses God for the **future**
will obtain an inheritance

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.***

- Job 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.***

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I. Paul Begins by Blessing 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***

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II. Paul wants them to know “God’s comfort will be there for all of our Adversities.”

- ⁴ *who comforts us in **all our affliction***

- 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. (poikílos). = *Multicolor*
- God of Comfort = *Paracleceo* = Helper

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III. Paul wants them to know “God's Purpose 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.***

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

- ⁶ *If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation;*
- *and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort*

There are four things that Paul wants his readers to consider in this passage.

IV. Who and what does God use to comfort us?

- **His "THE WORD"**
- **The Holy Spirit and Prayer**

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IV. Who and what does God use 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.***

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IV. Who and what does God use to comfort us?

- **God comforts us through Other People**

2 Corinthians 1:4 ESV

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.

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The God of all *Comfort*

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