

God comforts by delivering us from all trials

2 Cor. 1:8-11

Introduction

- What happens when we face trials that bring us to the point where we believe there is no way to overcome them?
- This is especially true when we believe we are facing life-threatening situations
- When these trials come, we must seek the comfort and deliverance from God who has promised to deliver us from all trials including death

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- In these trials, we must learn to trust in God who raises the dead rather than ourselves
- In these trials, we must pray to God for deliverance and appeal to brethren to pray for us as well
- When deliverance comes, we must overflow with thanksgiving to God who is the source of all comfort to His children

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2Co 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

2Co 1:9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

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2Co 1:10 who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

2Co 1:11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many*.

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Act 19:26 "You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods at all.

Act 19:27 "Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence."

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Act 19:28 When they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

Act 19:29 The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia.

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Act 19:30 And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him.

Act 19:35 After quieting the crowd, the town clerk *said, "Men of Ephesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the image which fell down from heaven?"

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Act 19:36 "So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash.

Act 19:40 "For indeed we are in danger of being accused of a riot in connection with today's events, since there is no real cause for it, and in this connection we will be unable to account for this disorderly gathering."

Act 19:41 After saying this he dismissed the assembly.

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Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,

Php 1:19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

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Php 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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Php 1:22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

Php 1:23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

Php 1:24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

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Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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2Co 12:7 Because of the surpassing
greatness of the revelations, for this reason,
to keep me from exalting myself, there was
given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me--to keep me from
exalting myself!

2Co 12:8 Concerning this I implored the
Lord three times that it might leave me.

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2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace
is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in
weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will
rather boast about my weaknesses, so that
the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am well content with
weaknesses, with insults, with distresses,
with persecutions, with difficulties, for
Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am
strong.

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2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out
as a drink offering, and the time of my
departure has come.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2Ti 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will award to me on
that day; and not only to me, but also to all
who have loved His appearing.

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2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me
much harm; the Lord will repay him
according to his deeds.

2Ti 4:15 Be on guard against him yourself,
for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

2Ti 4:16 At my first defense no one
supported me, but all deserted me; may it
not be counted against them.

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2Ti 4:17 But the Lord stood with me and
strengthened me, so that through me the
proclamation might be fully accomplished,
and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I
was rescued out of the lion's mouth.

2Ti 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every
evil deed, and will bring me safely to His
heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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