

NOTES

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*“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the **source** of all **comfort**. He **comforts** us in all our **troubles** so that we **can** comfort **others**. When they are **troubled**, we will be able to **give** them the same **comfort** God has **given** us. For the more we suffer **for** Christ, the more God will **shower** us with his **comfort** through **Christ**. Even when we are **weighed** down with **troubles**, it is for your **comfort** and **salvation**! For when we ourselves are **comforted**, we will **certainly** comfort you. Then you can **patiently** endure the same things we suffer. We are **confident** that as you **share** in our sufferings, you will also **share** in the **comfort** God gives us.”*

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
NLT

God uses **hardships** to **equip** us to **reach** others.

*“Dear friends, don’t be **surprised** at the fiery **trials** you are going through, as if something **strange** were **happening** to you. Instead, be very glad—for these trials **make** you **partners** with **Christ** in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful **joy** of seeing his glory when it is **revealed** to all the world. If you are **insulted** because you bear the name of Christ, you will be **blessed**, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. If you **suffer, however**, it must **not** be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people’s affairs.”*

1 Peter 4:12-15
NLT

God can take the mess in your life and bring a message out of it. He can take the test in your life and create a testimony out of it. He can take a crisis and show Christ through it.”
- Rick Warren

“Because of His [afflictions](#), we will be [afflicted](#). Because of his [comfort](#), we are [moved](#) to give [comfort](#).”

“In fact, we expected to die. But as a [result](#), we [stopped](#) relying on [ourselves](#) and [learned](#) to rely [only](#) on [God](#), who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our [confidence](#) in him, and he will [continue](#) to [rescue](#) us. And you are helping us by [praying](#) for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously [answered](#) so many [prayers](#) for our safety.”