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Troubles In Life

There is no doubt that I will certainly have those, that will be my experience. **What will you have? What will be your experience?** I will have troubles in life. To think otherwise would be foolish. It would be denying reality. **Why do you think this is true?** This is a sin broken world. This world does not function according to your original design. You suffered in this life, so will I. **That is true.** I will experience pain and suffering and troubles because of ways that I have thought or spoken or acted. Yes, some pain and suffering and trouble, I will bring on myself. Yet, I will also experience pain and suffering and troubles that come my way, as part of life, that are no fault of my own. **That is also true. As bad as your troubles have been, have you received any benefit from them? Has any good been brought forth in your life because of the troubles you have gone through.** I will tell you one thing for certain. **What's that?** Pain and suffering and troubles are an attention getter. Nothing has more quickly drawn me back to you than being in the midst of pain and suffering and troubles. Nothing has caused me to rely more passionately and persistently on you than being in great need. **How do you feel about that outcome?** I am not a big fan of pain and suffering and troubles; I don't welcome any of it into my life. I would rather avoid it all together. **That's honest.** But I also wouldn't trade a life free of pain and suffering and troubles for a life of not coming to know you. If the cost of drawing near to you, living in a more intimate relationship with you, and relying more fully on you, is going through pain and suffering and trouble in life, then I would gladly pay it. The truth is I have probably needed troubles in life to draw me back to you. So, in some strange way, I am thankful for them. **You don't need to give thanks and praise to me for pain and suffering and troubles.** No, I will give thanks and praise to you for your mercy and compassion as I go through them. You have never left me alone when I have needed you the most. You have always drawn near to me, as I have drawn near to you. You have always been with me to help me. You have always comforted me with your love. For that I will give you all my thanks and praise. **That is very good.** One more thing. **What's that?** Help me also to comfort others with all the comfort and love I have received from you. **That, I will do.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I know I am certain to go through troubles in life. I also know you are the God of all comfort. I give you my thanks and praise for your mercy and comfort. I will rely on you in my troubles. Use me to comfort others with the comfort I have received from you. Amen

Promises *The God Of All Comfort*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 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. 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.

NIV 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *The Source Of All Comfort*

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.

NLT 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *The God Of All Consolation*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

NRSV 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *The Source Of All Comfort*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [Who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement). Who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God. For just as Christ's [own] sufferings fall to our lot [as they overflow upon His disciples, and we share and experience them] abundantly, so through Christ comfort (consolation and encouragement) is also [shared and experienced] abundantly by us. But if we are troubled (afflicted and distressed), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement) and [for your] salvation; and if we are comforted (consoled and encouraged), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement), which works [in you] when you patiently endure the same evils (misfortunes and calamities) that we also suffer and undergo. And our hope for you [our joyful and confident expectation of good for you] is ever unwavering (assured and unshaken); for we know that just as you share and are partners in [our] sufferings and calamities, you also share and are partners in [our] comfort (consolation and encouragement). utterly and unbearably weighed down and crushed that we despaired even of life [itself].

AMP 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *God Of All Comfort*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

NASB 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *The God Of All Comfort*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 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. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 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. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

ESV 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *God Of All Comfort*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (NKJV)

NKJV 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *God Of All Healing Counsel*

All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too.

When we suffer for Jesus, it works out for your healing and salvation. If we are treated well, given a helping hand and encouraging word, that also works to your benefit, spurring you on, face forward, unflinching. Your hard times are also our hard times. When we see that you're just as willing to endure the hard times as to enjoy the good times, we know you're going to make it, no doubt about it.

MSG 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *The Source Of All Comfort*

What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we undergo sufferings for Christ, the more he will shower us with his comfort and encouragement. We are in deep trouble for bringing you God's comfort and salvation. But in our trouble God has comforted us—and this, too, to help you: to show you from our personal experience how God will tenderly comfort you when you undergo these same sufferings. He will give you the strength to endure.

TLB 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Promises *Father Is Full Of Mercy And All Comfort*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ. In the same way, much comfort comes to us through Christ. If we have troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation, and if we have comfort, you also have comfort. This helps you to accept patiently the same sufferings we have. Our hope for you is strong, knowing that you share in our sufferings and also in the comfort we receive.

NCV 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

The Source Of All Comfort

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Promises – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

In Context: Read 2 Corinthians 1

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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)

Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I know I am certain to go through troubles in life. I also know you are the God of all comfort. I give you my thanks and praise for your mercy and comfort. I will rely on you in my troubles. Use me to comfort others with the comfort I have received from you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you make it your pattern and practice to give praise to God for His mercy and comfort?

Why are you certain to go through troubles in life for which you will need God's comfort?

When have you most needed comfort from the Lord in the troubles you have gone through?

How have the troubles of life caused you to draw near to God and rely on Him?

How has relying on the Lord helped you to not be weighed down by troubles?

What prayers have you prayed to God as you have gone through troubles in life?

When have you been able to comfort others with the comfort you have received from the Lord?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Give thanks and praise to God for giving you comfort with which you can also comfort others.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will comfort you so that you will also be able to comfort others.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how receiving comfort has made you able to comfort others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you comfort others with the comfort you have received from the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will comfort others with the comfort I have received from you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I comfort others today with the comfort I have received from you?
