

How To Get Through What You're Going Through

Living With Purpose - Part 1

“All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. So when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit and salvation! For when God comforts us, it is so that we, in turn, can be an encouragement to you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in suffering, you will also share God’s comfort. I think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and completely overwhelmed, and we feared we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we learned to not rely on ourselves, but on God who can raise the dead. And he did deliver us from mortal danger. And we are confident that he will continue to deliver us. He will rescue us because you are helping by praying for us. As a result, many others will give thanks to God because so many people’s prayers for our safety have been answered.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (NLT)

1. _____

A. _____

“We were crushed and completely overwhelmed, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we learned to not rely on ourselves, but on God who can raise the dead!”

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

B. _____

“God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.”

2 Corinthians 1:4

“When we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit and salvation! For when God comforts us, it is so that we, in turn, can be an encouragement to you! Then YOU can patiently endure the same things we suffer.”

2 Corinthians 1:6

This is called: REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

C. _____

“He will rescue us because YOU are helping by praying for us. As a result, many others will give thanks to God because so many people’s prayers for our safety have been answered.”

2 Corinthians 1:11

4 LEVELS OF SMALL GROUP RELATIONSHIPS

1. The Fellowship of Sharing Together

2. The Fellowship of Studying Together

3. The Fellowship of Serving Together

4. The Fellowship of Suffering Together (deepest)

2. _____

“I think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and completely overwhelmed, and WE FEARED we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we learned to not rely on ourselves....”

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

3. _____

“ALL PRAISE to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us!”

2 Corinthians 1:3

4. _____

“God will rescue us because you are helping by praying for us.”

2 Corinthians 1:11a

5. _____

“And we are CONFIDENT that he WILL continue to deliver us.”

2 Corinthians 1:10

“So then faith comes from hearing the Word of God.”

Romans 10:17

6. _____

“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us.

The Scriptures give us endurance and encouragement so that we can have hope!”

Romans 15:4

Radical Gratitude

Living With Purpose - Part 2

Latin: Radicalis = from the root

“RADICAL” MEANS ROOTED

“Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him.”

Col. 2:6-7 (NLT)

“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand ...how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. THEN you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

“They don’t have deep roots, so they don’t last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up.”

Matt. 13:21 (CEV)

“BLESSED are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT)

“The surviving remnant of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.”

2 Kings 19:30 (NAS)

“Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.”

Col. 2:7 (GW)

1st Characteristic: _____

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

WHY IS GRATITUDE ALWAYS GOD'S WILL?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

THE BENEFITS OF RADICAL GRATITUDE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

How will you practice the 5 ways this week?

Recovering Your Joy

Living With Purpose - Part 3

*“The Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink,
but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 14:17

1. _____

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation.”

Psalm 51:12 (NIV)

2. _____

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.”

Lamentation 3:40 (NIV)

“The joy of our hearts has ended.”

Lamentations 5:15

HOW TO RECOVER MY JOY

3. _____

*“If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s
commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my JOY may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.”*

John 15:10-11 (NIV)

4. _____

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

5. _____

“Your words are what sustain me. They bring me great JOY.”

Jeremiah 15:16 (TLB)

*“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.
Ask and you will receive, and your JOY will be complete.”*

John 16:24 (NIV)

“Let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”

Psalms 95:1 (NIV)

6. _____

*“God has ... given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago he planned that we should
spend these lives in helping others.”*

Ephesians 2:10 (LB)

“...There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”

Acts 20:35 (TEV)

7. _____

“There is joy in heaven over one sinner who changes his heart and life...”

Luke 15:7 (NCV)