

"IT HURTS SO BAD"
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

(2 Corinthians 1:3-11) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, {4} 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. {5} For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. {6} 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. {7} 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. {8} We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. {9} Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. {10} He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, {11} as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

The Greek word for comfort in these verses is "parakaleo"

PARA meaning "**beside or alongside**"

KALEO meaning "**to call or cause to come**"

A. FOUR "REDEMPTIVE REASONS" FOR PAIN

1. That we be prepared to **COMFORT** others

(2 Cor.1:4 NIV) "... so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

GOD CAN REDEEM OR CHANGE THE MEANING OF PAIN

2. That we learn to **RELY** on God

(2 Cor.1:9 NIV) "... this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

(Proverbs 3:5 NIV) "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ..."

(Psalms 46:10 NIV) ""Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.""

(Matthew 11:28-29 NIV) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.

Learning to lean. Learning to lean.
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.
Finding more power than I'd ever dreamed,
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

3. That we learn to share **BURDENS**

(2 Cor.1:11 NIV) "... as you help us by your prayers."

4. That others may learn to **PRAISE** God

(2 Corinthians 1:11 NIV) "Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

(2 Cor.9:12-15 NIV) - "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ... men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

"Lord, help me through the pain in my life. Redeem it, Lord, for the glory of your kingdom. I give it to you."

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