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1. OUR STORMS COME

2 Corinthians 1:1 (ESV)- To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus

John 16:33 (ESV)- I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (ESV)-For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

2. OUR GOD CARES

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)- Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

How we Know:

A. He is the Source Of Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3 (ESV)- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

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B. He gives the Certainty Of Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:4 (ESV)- 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.

Isaiah 66:13 (ESV)-As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you...

3. OUR STORMS HAVE MEANING

Lamentations 3:33 (NIV)- For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

A. Increases Our Empathy For Others

2 Corinthians 1:4 (ESV)- 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.

“God never wastes a hurt.”

-Rick Warren

B. Increases Our Dependence Upon God

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (ESV)-For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

4. OUR STORMS WILL END

2 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV)-He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (ESV)- Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Here is the Point: Our God of comfort will comfort us!