



"COMFORTED, NOT COMFORTABLE"

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

- Hard days, hard conversations, and hard appointments
- "Salvation has come to mean deliverance from unpleasant things. Our hymns and sermons create for us a religion of consolation and pleasantness. We overlook the place of the thorns, the cross and the blood. We ignore the function of the hammer and file."
– A.W. Tozer, *The Root of the Righteous*

1. GOD COMFORTS US. v. 3-5

- Who God is
- What God does
- Why He does this
- The chain reaction
- The connection between affliction and comfort

2. GOD USES US. v. 6-7

- Christ is the key
- A use for their suffering
- Conditional comfort
- Sharing in suffering
- Purpose in suffering *Acts 20:18-24*

3. GOD WILL DELIVER US. v. 8-11

- The purpose of their affliction *2 Corinthians 11:24-28*
- The promise of hope