

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-24

COMFORT AND THE COMFORTER

If I can	for my eternity, I	can trust Him for my right now
Paul's reasons for writing:		
1. To why he had (VS 15-17, 1 Corinthians 4:19		
2. To His ministry (2 Corinthians 1:12, 24, 6:3–1		ig Paul's apostleship.
3. To the Corprevious letter. (1 Corinthians, 2		they obeyed the admonitions of His 16)
4. To the Cor (2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 15)	inthians to take a collection for	r the poor saints in Jerusalem.
Genuine praise amid trial	our perspective and v	iew of trial.
An irony of life is that God's grace of times, but in the worst.	e is most	not in the best
Tribulation, Trouble Thlipsis (Strong's G2347) I. a, pressin II. metaph. oppression, affliction, Paul's three-fold source of help	tribulation, distress, straits	
1. The God and Father of our Lord		
2. The of mercies		
3. The God of all	_	
The comfort of God	positions us for the comf	ort we may
Jesus will never let those who fac Him.	e suffering Him go	o without mercy and comfort
Those who are comforted in a	ffliction can comfort others	s through:
1 hope and er	ncouragement born or experier	nce.
2 faith in afflic	ction, which inspires faith in the	e afflicted.
Our, indeed, be	come our	– Chuck Missler
Every believer has been delivered	from death by means of the	of

The Bottom Line:

If I can trust God for my, I can trust Him for my	
In God's design God's deliverance often comes in response to the of God's peop (Romans 15:30-32, Ephesians 6:18-19, Colossians 4:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:25, 2 Thessalonians 3:1, Philippians 2:2)	ole.
The that suffers, prays and stands together will eventually triumph, celebrate and mature together.	<u> </u>
As with Paul, our manner of life must be with flowing from sincerity and simplicity of faith in God.	
The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the guarantee that what God has begun in your life go onto in this life and into eternity.	will
Life Group Application Questions	
 What are your thoughts on this phrase, "An irony of life is that God's grace is most intensely experie not in the best of times, but in the worst?" (VS 3-4) 	nced
2. How may our approach to affliction bring comfort and hope to others who are suffering? (VS 5-7)	
3. What role does a strong Christian community play in the walk of affliction? (VS 8-11)	
4. What question was not discussed here that should have been?	
Notes:	