

## Sermon Notes for August 31<sup>st</sup> : 2025

Series: “Our Great Need for Christian Community”

Message: “Supporting Each Other in Tough Times”

Sermon Text: **2 Corinthians 1:3-11(NIV)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 34:15-22**; Gospel Text: **Luke 3:10-14**. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-11(NIV)** (below) as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-11(NIV)**: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup>For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup>Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup>He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, <sup>11</sup>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.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**. Why should we be confident that we will always have the means to comfort others in their troubles?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 1:5**. Why is our suffering for Christ always more than worth what it has cost us?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 1:6**. As brothers and sisters in Christ, what is Paul trying to let the Corinthians know?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 1:7**. Why is Paul's hope firm that the Corinthians will know comfort in their times of trouble?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 1:8**. Why do you think Paul was so brutally honest in sharing with the Corinthians the troubles he and his companions faced in the province of Asia?

6. Read **2 Corinthians 1:9**. As fairly new believers in Christ, do you think the Corinthians would have been comforted by Paul's words or alarmed? Explain.
7. Read **2 Corinthians 1:10-11**. Why is Paul so confident that God will deliver him in times of peril?
8. In what ways does Paul tell the Corinthians they have been a part of God's deliverance for him?
9. What else does Paul believe will happen because of God's faithful deliverance and the Corinthians' faithful prayers?
10. What will you most remember from this message?