



HOW TO EXPERIENCE AFFLICTION

part 3

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2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

How to Experience Affliction

1. Worship

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort;

⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction

2. Learn

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.

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

3. Trust

⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a *peril of* death, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

4. Pray

¹¹ you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through *the prayers of many*.

5. Maintain a clean c _____

¹² For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

6. Maintain trusting f _____

¹³ For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end;

¹⁴ just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

¹⁵ And in this confidence I intended at first to come to you, that you might twice receive a blessing;

¹⁶ that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea.

¹⁷ Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yes, yes and no, no *at the same time*?

¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us-- by me and Silvanus and Timothy-- was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

²⁰ For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

7. Rest in our s _____

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

²² who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Intro to our next topic: joy, sorrow and relationships

²³ But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

²⁴ Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

2:1 But I determined this for my own sake, that I would not come to you in sorrow again.

² For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

³ And this is the very thing I wrote you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy would be *the joy* of you all.

⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

⁵ But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree-- in order not to say too much-- to all of you.

⁶ Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was *inflicted by* the majority,

⁷ so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort *him*, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

⁸ Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.

⁹ For to this end also I wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

¹⁰ But whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

¹¹ in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.