

# **Why Am I Hurting So Much?**

**2 Corinthians 1:1-11**

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## **A. Greetings from Paul (1:1-2)**

**1. He responded to God's will**

**2. He related to fellow believers**

**3. He relished grace and peace for others**

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## **B. Comfort in Suffering (1:3-11)**

### **1. The God of All Comfort (1:3)**

**There is no comfort without God**

**Romans 15:5**

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### **B. Comfort in Suffering (1:3-11) - continued**

#### **2. The Reasons for Suffering (1:4-11)**

**a. Opportunities to help others (1:4)**

**b. Consolation from Christ (1:5)**

**1 Peter 4:13**

*More suffering results in more consolation*

**c. Benefit for the Corinthians (1:6-7)**

**d. Reliance on God (1:8-10)**

**e. Prayer of Thanksgiving (1:11)**

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## **C. Forging Life's Trials**

### **1. Count Your Blessings**

**Ephesians 5:20**

### **2. Cast Your Care on God**

**1 Peter 5:7**

### **3. Put Your Confidence in God**

**Isaiah 30:15. 1 Peter 4:19**

### **4. Draw Comfort from God and His People**

**Isaiah 40:1**

**Sincerely Yours**  
**2 Corinthians 1:12-24**

**A godly life is the best answer to criticism**

# **I. Paul's Clear Conscience (1:12-14)**

## **A. Regarding his methods (1:12)**

### **2 Corinthians 1:12**

**For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.**

- 1. Simplicity**
- 2. Sincerity**
- 3. God's Grace**

# **I. Paul's Clear Conscience (1:12-14)**

## **B. Regarding his writings (1:13)**

### **2 Corinthians 1:13**

**For we write none other things unto you, that  
what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall  
acknowledge even to the end;**

**Clearly understanding the letter**

# **I. Paul's Clear Conscience (1:12-14)**

## **C. Regarding mutual glorying (1:14)**

### **2 Corinthians 1:14**

**As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.**

**Trusting and understanding the letter-writer**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-22)**

### **A. Accused of being two-faced (1:15-17)**

#### **1. My actual intent for coming a second time (v 15)**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:15**

**And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-24)**

**A. Accused of being two-faced (vv 15-17) - continued**

**2. My actual plan for coming a second time (v 16)**

**2 Corinthians 1:16**

**And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-24)**

**A. Accused of being two-faced (vv 15-17) - continued**

**3. My intentions were sincere (v 17)**

**2 Corinthians 1:17**

**When I therefore was thus minded, did I use  
lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose  
according to the flesh, that with me there should be  
yea yea, and nay nay?**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-24)**

### **B. God is in charge (1:18-22)**

#### **1. Demands faithfulness to the gospel (vv 18-20)**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:18-20**

**18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.**

**19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.**

**20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-24)**

### **B. God is in charge - continued**

#### **2. Demands faithfulness to the ministry (vv 21-22)**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

**21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**

**22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**

**a. God established us**

**b. God had anointed us**

**c. God had sealed us**

**d. God had given us the earnest of the Spirit**

## **II. Answering charges (1:15-24)**

### **C. The reasons for not coming earlier (1:23-24)**

**2 Corinthians 1:23-24**

**23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.**

**24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.**

**1. Mercy**

**2. Grace**

