

When Times Are Tough Is God Enough?

II Corinthians 1:3-11

Sermon Notes

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When times are tough...

I. God is the ultimate source of all *mercy* and *comfort*. (v.3)

II. God comforts us so we can *pass it on* (i.e. comfort others).
(v.4)

III. If we *suffer* more, God will *comfort* us even more. (v.5)

IV. Suffering can actually be *beneficial* [assuming God orders or allows it]. (v. 6-7)

V. God may not spare us from feeling completely *overwhelmed*.
(v. 8-9)

VI. We are reminded that walking with God is a *continuous* pilgrimage that will involve times of suffering.
(v. 10, cf. Matt. 10:25)

VII. Remember to *pray* for those who are suffering. It will affect their *outcome* and can result in *praise* to God. (vs.11)



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