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Plenary Session 2

“He Comforts Us in All Our Affliction”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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Whether through relationship or resource, God’s comfort provides **real hope** for the afflicted soul.

A Picture of Affliction

- Joseph endured hostility, betrayal, accusation, isolation, oppression, let down, and loss. (Genesis 37:4; 37:28; 39:14-15; 39:20; 40:14,23; 42:24; 43:30)
 - **Key Truth:** God’s comfort is fit for **all** kinds of afflictions.

A Picture of Comfort

- Joseph experienced comfort through relationship and resource. (Acts 7:9-10)
 - **Key Truth:** God’s comfort is a present-tense promise.
“Never forget: No matter what painful thing you’re enduring, as God’s child, it’s impossible for you to endure it all by yourself.”¹
 - **Key Truth:** “Rescue” can mean “remove,” but always means “redeemed.”
“God sometimes delivers us from pain, but more often he delivers us through it.”²

A Picture of Hope

- Joseph’s confidence was sourced in reflection, not prediction. (Genesis 50:24)
 - **Key Truth:** God uses affliction to produce endurance, which produces proven character, which produces hope. (Romans 5:3-5)
“Strange as it may seem, one of the primary purposes of being shaken by suffering is to make our faith more unshakable.”³

God’s comfort is not a spiritual platitude, but a significant promise for those suffering affliction.

¹ From “What You Need to Know About Suffering,” Paul David Tripp, October 3, 2018, PaulTripp.com

² From *Leadership Pain: The Classroom for Growth*, Samuel Chand, page 144

³ From “Suffering That Strengthens Faith,” John Piper, DesiringGod.org