



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord I ask that this teaching devotional is blessed, reach the lost my Lord and touch the hurting. Give peace to each person, I ask that their needs are met. Keep them all and protect them, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Scripture

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Phil 1:1; 2 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 1:7; 1Cor 1:3; Eph 1:2; 1Pet 1:2;

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Eph 1:3; 1Pet 1:3; **4** Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God. 2Cor 7:6; **5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. Ps 34:19; Ps 94:19; **6** And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 2Cor 4:17; **7** And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.

8 For we would not, brothers, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life: Acts 19:23; **9** But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raises the dead: Jer 17:5; Jer 17:7; **10** Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; 1Cor 15:31; **11** You also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed on us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. Rom 15:30; Phil 1:19; 2Cor 4:15;

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. **13** For we write none other things to you, than what you read or acknowledge; and I trust you shall acknowledge even to the end; **14** As also you have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as you also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. Phil 2:16; 1Thess 2:19;

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15 And in this confidence I was minded to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit; 1 Cor 16:5; 16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia to you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea. 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 yes yes, and no no? 18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yes and no. Matt 5:37; Jas 5:12; 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yes and no, but in him was yes. 20 For all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him Amen, to the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, is God; 22 Who has also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. Rom 8:16; 2 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30; 23 Moreover I call God for a record on my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet to Corinth. Rom 1:9; Rom 9:1; 2 Cor 11:31; Gal 1:20; Phil 1:8; 1 Thess 2:5; 1 Tim 5:21; 2 Tim 4:1; 24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith you stand. 1 Pet 5:3;

2 Corin. 1

After the initial greeting, Paul begins by writing about "the God of all comfort" (vv.3-4) because he had met Titus (7:6-7), who had brought him the good news of the Corinthians' loyalty. This, together with his thankfulness for escape from death in Ephesus (vv. 8-9: Acts 19:23-41), accounts for Paul's note of joy in the midst of his sufferings.

Ephesus and Corinth were only about 275 miles apart, with ships plying between the two cities constantly. It seems that Paul had paid an earlier, "painful" visit to Corinth from Ephesus (2:1; 12:14; 13:1-2); the reason for that difficult visit was a very grave crisis that had arisen in Paul's relationship with the Corinthian church, probably shortly after he had written 1 Corinthians to them. This may, in part, account for Paul's anxiety to meet Titus. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 790)

God, not man, calls and ordains people for the ministry. Paul's authority was from God. God is the source of grace and peace, and Christ is the avenue by which grace and peace flow to us. "Blessed" means praise be unto God. "Mercies" also means blessings. "Comfort" is the Greek word used for the Holy Spirit which means "One who comes along to help." When we experience God's help and comfort during a trial, we're better prepared to minister to others (1 Corinthians 15:32). Paul had endured many sufferings and had even been given up for dead. Those who say that all Christians should be healthy don't understand God's dealings with man. Though God didn't remove Paul's thorn in the flesh, He did give him the strength to bear it (Chapter 12:7-9). Paul could see the purpose for his sufferings. Paul may have been speaking here of a serious illness, being fed to the lions, or some other torture he had to endure (1 Corinthians 15:32). When Paul thought he was dying, he found a deeper trust in God. It takes more faith to make a total commitment to God and to rest in whatever He chooses to do with us, than it does to demand that He heal us and put conditions on our service to Him. Paul had planned to visit Corinth on the way to Macedonia. He decided not to go when he heard of the turmoil his first letter of correction had caused. "Earnest" means a deposit, which shows good faith. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; pages 91-92)

Times of suffering and trials are a part of everyone's life. If this is a time of suffering in your life. Ask God to surround you with His comfort and to help you experience it in tangible ways. He is able to comfort you no matter what the trial. Although it may not help much right now, know that someday you will be able to comfort someone else as God comforts you (2 Corins. 1:3-5).

Have you been disappointed, hurt, or mistreated? Have you had changes in your life or are you experiencing loss of some kind?? Have you failed in some way?? Are you just simply tired?? What is your trouble today? 2 Corins. 1:3,4 says that God wants to help you by comforting you when you need it.

The Holy Spirit is actually called "the Comforter" (John 14:26). His various names describe His character. They reveal what He does and what He desires to do for believers. He is willing to do a great deal for us if we are willing to receive His help. God will allow people to do only a certain amount for us, and no more. Even those people who are extremely close to us cannot give us everything we need all the time. When we expect others to do for us what only God can do, we have our expectations in the wrong place, and we will always be disappointed. No comfort is as good as God's. People can never give us what we really need unless God Himself uses other people to reach us, which He often does. Whether He uses another person to comfort you or He comforts you Himself by the Holy Spirit, let us remember that His is the Comforter. Ask for and receive His comfort whenever you need it. (KJV Bible; Amplified Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries, history; 2005; Joyce Meyers; pgs 1882-1884)

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came to him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Luke 6:20;
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Luke 6:21;
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Ps 37:11;
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Isa 55:1;
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Ps 15:2; Ps 24:4; Heb 12:14;
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 2Cor 4:10; 2Tim 2:12; 1Pet 3:14;
11 Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 1Pet 4:14; 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Luke 6:23;

13 You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his flavor, with which shall it be salted? it is thereafter good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34;

14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house. Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; Luke 11:33; 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 1Pet 2:12;

Matthew 5: 1-16

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Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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