



LIVING IN LIMBO LAND

Living in limbo land #5
Finding comfort in the new normal
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING:

1. There is a natural bond between those who have suffered
_____ and in a _____.

2. Those who suffered are uniquely _____ and
_____ to comfort those who are suffering.

3. Comfort from those who have been comforted is
_____ to those who need comfort.

God is not _____, God is not _____,
and God is not _____.

We can receive hardship as a gift with a _____
and a _____.

_____ the secret of contentment.

Endure to _____.

1. God is the _____ of all comfort.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles,' 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV

2. We can be the _____ of comfort.

'...who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can or that we're enabled to comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.'
2 Corinthians 1:4 NIV

'For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.' 2 Corinthians 1:5 NIV

Our _____ to comfort is determined by the degree
to which we have _____.

'If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.' 2 Corinthians 1:6 NIV

'And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.' 2 Corinthians 1:7 NIV

In the limbo land moment, comfort those who need comforting
with the comfort _____ have received.

If you've _____ there, you are uniquely qualified to
comfort those who are _____ there.

'Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.' Philippians 1:6 NIV

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SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Each week we will produce the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions, as we would do normally. But as these aren't normal times, we encourage you to use the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions in a different way. Here are some suggestions:

- Immediately after the online experience has ended, grab a cuppa and then sit and discuss the questions with your husband/wife/family. If you are on your own, arrange to ring another person and chat through the questions over the phone or Skype etc.
- If you are able, meet virtually as a small group through the various free online conference resources such as Microsoft teams, Skype, Zoom etc.
- Personally, take some time through the week to quietly reflect and go through the questions on your own and apply the message to your life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you tend to learn from the wisdom of others or from your own mistakes? How has that tendency increased or decreased suffering and adversity in your life?
2. Think about a time when you were comforted by someone who had experienced circumstances similar to your own. How did you benefit from that person's perspective?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3–7. What is the connection between praising God in the midst of suffering and being able to comfort others? Does that connection sound too good to be true? Why or why not?

4. Have you ever had the opportunity to comfort someone because you had experienced something similar to what he or she was going through? If so, how was that experience life-giving for that person? How was it life-giving for you?

5. During the message, Pastor Phill said, *"Our capacity to comfort is determined by the degree to which we've suffered."* In what ways is it hopeful? In what ways is it scary?

6. What can you do to begin to receive your hardship as a gift from God and leverage that gift to comfort others? How can other Christians help you and support you as you take a next step?