

I Feel You

Part two of the series, "Connect: Embracing God's Power Through Others"

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"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us."

(2 Corinthians 1:3-7 NLT)

God allows pain to connect us to Him.

"...God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort." (v. 3)

- Find COMFORT in God.

God uses our pain to connect us with others.

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (v. 4)

- Don't struggle ALONE.

Pain is often a pathway to a greater purpose.

"Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation!" (v. 6)

"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying... ¹⁷Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. ¹⁸Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested."

(Hebrews 2:14-15, 17-18 NLT)

- Our struggles have PURPOSE, our pain has an END.
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