

HOW TO GET THROUGH WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH

Sermon Series



2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-2

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.
6 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 1:5-6

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. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,[a]about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:7-8

9 Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of
death. But this happened that we might not rely on
ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has
delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will
deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that
he will continue to deliver us,11 as you help us by your
prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for
the gracious favor granted us in answer to the
prayers of many.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:9-11

Dear friends, don’t be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead, for this is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you.
(1 Peter 4:12 LB)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds

(James 1:3 NIV)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
(John 16:33 NIV)

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1-3a

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 43:1-3a



Is there purpose in my pain?



What you know is what gets you through

Big Idea



God is the SOURCE of my COMFORT

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

I have worked harder, been put in prison more often,
been whipped times without number, and faced death
again and again. 24 Five different times the Jewish
leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I
was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three
times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night
and a day adrift at sea.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.[

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.
28 Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28



God has a PLAN

2 Corinthians 1:6-11

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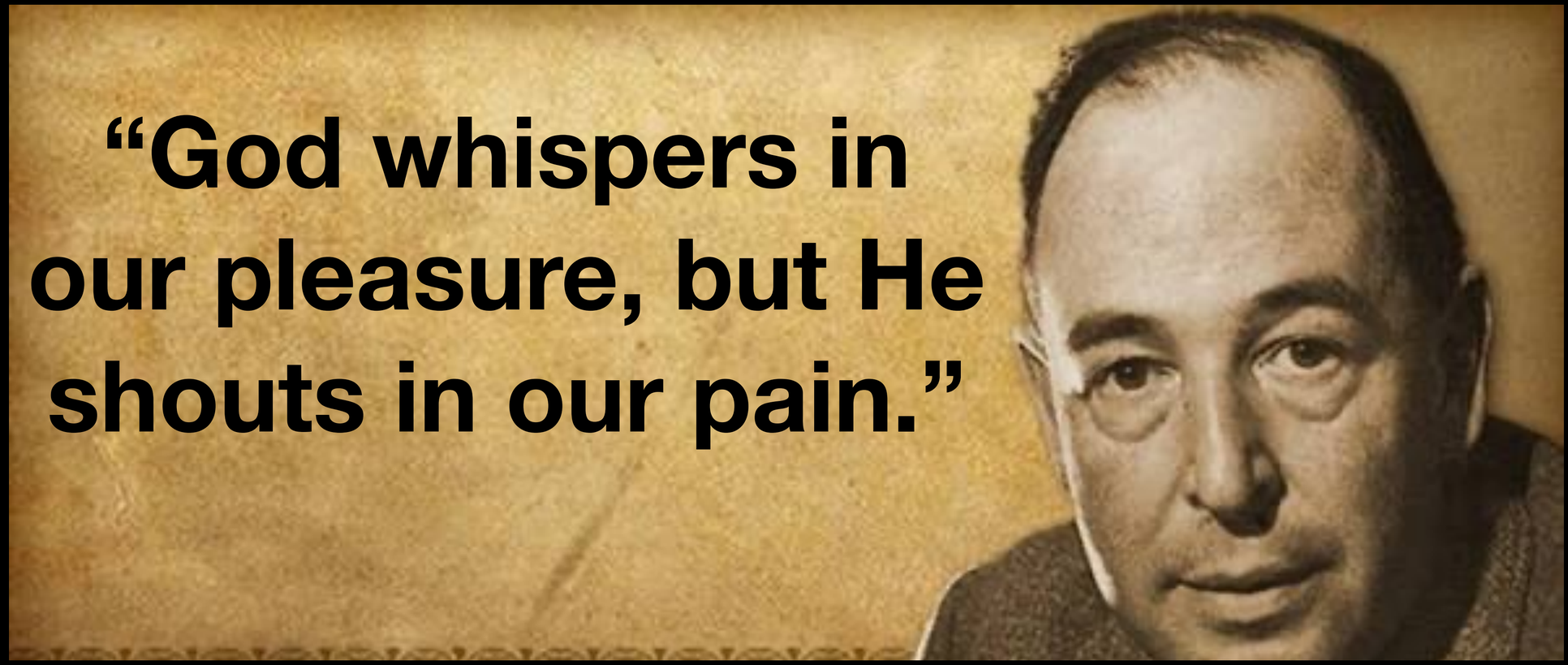
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GOD HAS A PLAN

- TO PREPARE US TO HELP OTHERS
- TO MAKE US FOCUS ON WHATS REALLY IMPORTANT





C.S. LEWIS, THE PROBLEM OF PAIN

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- TO MAKE US FOCUS ON WHATS REALLY IMPORTANT
- **TO EMPTY US OF SELF RELIANCE**



“God has one great purpose for His people above everything else; it is to destroy in us forever any possible confidence in the flesh.”

ALAN REDPATH



GOD HAS A PLAN

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- TO MAKE US FOCUS ON WHATS REALLY IMPORTANT
- TO EMPTY US OF SELF RELIANCE
- **TO CONVINCE US TO TRUST GOD ALONE**

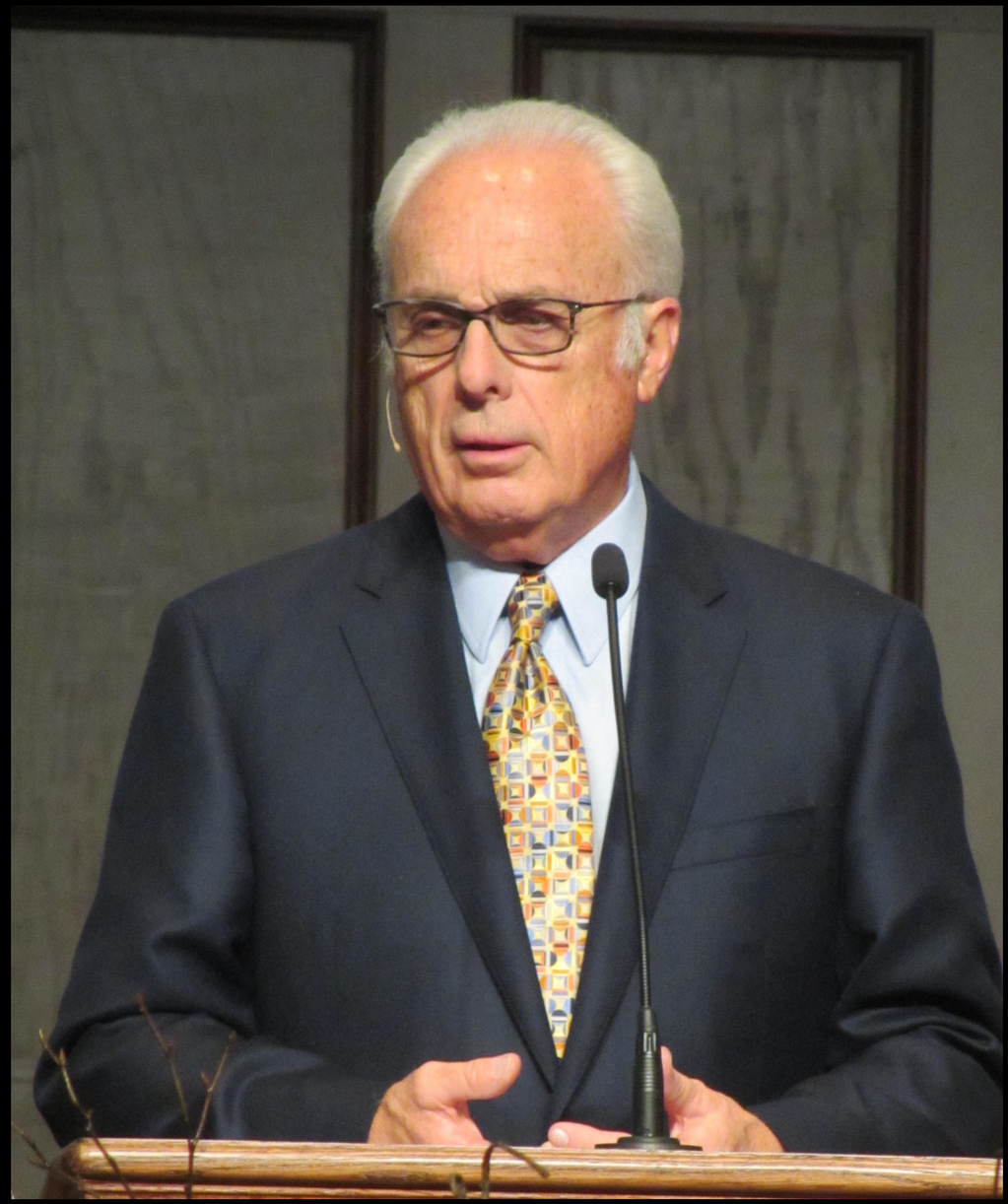


Paul uses the word “delivered” three times in this verse, “who delivered us from so great a death” (past) “does deliver us” (present) and “will still deliver us” (future).”



We need to remember that underneath us are the Lord’s everlasting arms and you don't know that until your fingers slip and you drop.”

John MacArthur



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- TO MAKE US FOCUS ON WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
- TO EMPTY US OF SELF RELIANCE
- TO CONVINCE US TO TRUST GOD ALONE
- **TO REVEAL TO US THE POWER OF PRAYER**



, I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.[a] 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” 5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” (Rev 21:3-5)