

When Life Gets Messy

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3 – 2:11

PERSPECTIVE: Celebrating God's Comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-11)

- Comfort (vv.3-5) -
- Suffering (vv.3-5) -
- Confidence (vv.6,7) -

Example: Paul's Hardship in Asia (vv. 8-11)

Principle: When life gets hard, remember God is at your side and hard at work.
(i.e. definition of comfort)

PRACTICE: Pursuing Relationships of Integrity (2 Cor. 1:12 – 2:11)

- Affirmed by a clear conscience & clear communication (1:12-17)
- Compared to God's faithfulness (1:18-22)
- Marked by an 'others-centered' focus (vv. 23-2:4)

Example: Paul Urges Forgiveness (2:5-11)

Principle: When relationships get messy, the priority of a Christ follower is to pursue reconciliation.