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### **Message**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of mercies** and **God of all comfort**, <sup>4</sup> **who comforts us in all our affliction**, so that **we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction**, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup> If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. <sup>8</sup> For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so **utterly burdened beyond our strength that** we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup> **Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.** <sup>10</sup> He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. <sup>11</sup> You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

#### **John 10:10**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

#### **Romans 8:26-28**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

#### **Hebrews 10:34-39**

<sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore **do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you **have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; <sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." <sup>39</sup> But **we are not of those who shrink back** and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

#### **Hebrews 12:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also **lay aside every weight**, and **sin which clings so closely**, and let us **run with endurance** the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> **Consider him who endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have **not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

### **2 Corinthians 6:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: **by great endurance**, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup> We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

### **Romans 5:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

### **Romans 15:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through **the encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the **God of endurance and encouragement** grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with **one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore **welcome one another** as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.