



Week 5, Day 3

READING:

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 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. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Even 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. We 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)

There can be a purpose in our pain. Our capacity to comfort is determined by the degree to which we have suffered. Our initial purpose can be to comfort those who need comforting with the comfort we have received. Your life has a unique set of circumstances. Those circumstances uniquely qualify you to comfort others. This will bring purpose to your pain and bring life to your soul. In what ways have you suffered that enables you to help others?

FOR FURTHER STUDY: [2 Corinthians 1:3-11](#).

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

How does Paul ask others to help?