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A few weeks ago, I had a guest speaker in to the teen class, and as I was sitting back there that week, I loved the the idea or the topic that was being discussed, and it was talking about chaos in our lives, and a biblical response to that. And I thought about that last few weeks, and I think that it's something that is not just my family, but that everybody can kind of relate to. I'll take you on a little journey of what we've been going through, but not for the point of saying, Wow, we've really got it bad or anything like that, because it's not that at all, but it's just, I know from a first hand experience what I'm doing with I can only imagine what everybody else is feeling in a similar nature, but I got my property tax bill the other day, and it's interesting, even though the interest rates have stayed flat, even though the housing market has pretty much been flat, then somehow my assessed value went up 15% and I was talking to Rachel about and I might or might not have exhibited the Christian character that should be deemed responsible for this holiness position. No, it wasn't anything like that. But it was like, Man, I want to call them and talk to them about that, and then I get this thing in the mail yesterday that, by law, the assessor's supposed to send out, and it's supposed to show you the year over year. And it said, Oh, your property, the difference was only, like, 2% I'm like, wait a second, so that'll be a call for for this week. And as I'm talking to her about that, we're driving down the road and just even finding some time together sometimes is hard, and we're enjoying each other's company. And then she looks over and she goes, Man, gas is \$5 a gallon. And in that silence, man, we're wondering, how are families supposed to live? And then we're addressing all of the areas of of conflict that that either just being in ministry or just being involved in different things, those things, it's just the weight of all, all of that there. And it reminded me, in addition to this, I talked to her later, and I was like, on top of all that, right? Second, Corinthians, 11:28, the Paul goes through this list of all these things that happened to him. But then the verse 28 he says, beside those things that I just mentioned, that were horrific and they were so taxing and caused so much wear and tear on him, he says, besides those things that are without that which cometh upon me daily the care of the churches, and then there's a spiritual kind of weight that I mean, no, there's no way to prepare for that if you've not, if you've never been in it, even from youth pastor to senior pastor, way different. And I know Carol had shared with me early on, she said, oh, about Thursday, the devil come knocking, you know. And it is so, so true. And then I, as I was studying and putting this together, one thing I one tool I like to use. I love blb.org I get no money for for repping them right now. But I also like King James Bible online.org so I can copy and paste. I like to have the scriptures actually on paper, so that way if anything ever malfunctions up there, I can keep going and so but as I got on there, I was like, Wow, this looks different. I kept trying to retype it in. I don't know if you guys ever

done that. Did I type it in wrong? I was like, this looks way different. And there's a red banner across the top, and it says, Dear KJV reading community. This is a temporary emergency website. Hackers attempted to gain control of the site and hold it for ransom. Please pray for them and for all services to be restored. And I'm like, what kind of world do we live in? We're hacking King James Bible sites and holding it ransom. What are you going to get for that? Unless you add the NIV, you'll never be back on the web. I mean, I'm like, what? What's the ransom? I mean, that is just crazy to me. But I think, though, also, even in an area of probably 400 people in here today, right, that I think about the current events for each and every one of you. I think about health situations, financial situations, political pressure, the canceled culture that's outside and inside Christianity that we're seeing, the sexual perversion that is running rampant, even the doctrinal battles where lines are drawn in the sand and people are canceled for what they believe, all of that. And it reminded me of this verse, and we were going to be in Second Corinthians today, but it remind me this verse that Paul talked about in Second Corinthians, one eight, and it says, we would not brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, but listen to this last part, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life. Now, I think if I could encapsulate what a lot of us feel today. I heard was Big Bad Wolf. I mean, what's going on? That's a first. It's awesome. Anyway, they say laughter in the pulpits of sin. Okay, so anyway, and I'm thinking this, I think describes so many of us today. It is that idea that we feel pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch, that sometimes we despair even of life, the pressure that we feel in life, the stress that comes and and this is even trying to, even if you're not really fully on board with sharing the gospel and and really going that, you feel this anyway, right? But even us, who are in the Word of God all the time, who who are in church all the time, it makes no difference. We I think we get to those points where we feel like this, and you probably have these conversations at home, and it can be very discouraging, you know? And it's, of course, we are constantly reminded, and I'm thankful for scripture telling us that this life here is not the answer, right? Whoever's in the White House or the elections coming up this week. It's all temporary. There's another election cycle right around the corner. If your guy doesn't win, vote for the next one. I mean, I don't know what to tell you, but that's not our hope isn't in that now, should we stay silent in it? Absolutely not. You should vote. You should exercise your right to vote. But if your hope is that the person in leadership is your Messiah. Is your Savior. You're going to be sorely you're going to be sorely mistaken and sad. It's a human in there. And I'm thankful that people want to step up and do that, but at the same time, they're not Jesus, they're not God. So we can feel all that pressure this week. And we still have to live though here on this earth. And I think this is sometimes the disconnect, right? I think sometimes you go a little bit too far here that man, it's all about the heavenlies, and this, that and the other thing, Paul addresses living in this life quite a bit. And so I think it's important that we, from time to time. Say, how can we be encouraged today? We know that we're going to be seated in heavenly places. We know we're already viewed there. We know that we were given all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. We know those things. That's our heavenly hope Absolutely. But I think there is some encouragement for today. But Paul, in this verse, I think, is saying in real time, I feel pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we even despaired of life. And he's telling this to the Corinthians. He wasn't just keeping it in. He wasn't keeping in just for his little band of brothers. He's writing this letter to the Corinthian church, saying, This is what we've experienced. So I want to back up and see how do we land into that verse? So we're going to spend time today in First Corinthians, one, verses three through eight. So backing up into verse three, this is how he starts this to or to create the context. He says, Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. And this verse is used a lot in funerals. I think most of us have heard this verse, but think about what he said here, right? We're going to try to meet in the middle somewhere, but he ends up in verse eight, saying, I was pressed out of measure above strength. Verse three, he says, God is the Father of all mercies. He's the God of all comfort. So it's like, what? How did we get from there to that other part? What is in the middle? So let's talk this through a little bit. The idea of saying, Blessed be God. And some people may say, what does he need from us? He doesn't. It's not, it's not predicated on what we can give him, that he's

blessed. But we think about what this word blessed means. It gives the idea to speak well of someone, and you think about funerals, a eulogy, that's really where the word comes from. In the Greek. So it means to speak well of in God's case, it's because he's worthy of praise. He is exalted, right? And I think that's kind of where it starts, no matter. Starts. No matter what we're feeling in our lives. It starts with who God is and not how we feel. It's very interesting. He starts this out saying, Blessed be God. He says, The Father and Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercy, is the God of all comfort. Now let's talk about this idea of blessed in a couple other passages, Mark 14:61, he held his peace and answered nothing again, the high priest asked him and said unto him, are thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? This is an identifying title of. Of God. Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people. Romans, 12:5 Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. So seeing different parts of the Godhead being called Blessed second. Corinthians, 11:31 the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, which is blessed forevermore, knoweth that I lie not as well as Ephesians, one three, it says, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. In Christ first, Peter one three, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You look at these characteristics of God, you're in the Word of God from the Old Testament all the way through. And if there was ever a name that should be spoken well of if there was ever a centerpiece. When it comes to a eulogy, it is God in the midst of what you are going through, know this, Blessed be God. And then you can fill in the blank for what he has done, for what he is doing, for what he will do the attention to get us out of the mayhem of our lives, the chaos, the stress and pressure, the attention goes to God. But then with this, it says he's the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it says he's the Father of mercies, the idea of Mercy means to have pity or compassion. This great God who spoke everything into creation can look down at sinful man and have pity and have compassion. There is a response by him to us from what we are dealing with. When you think about that, not just our sin condition. We know we're saved by His mercy. Titus, three, five. It says, not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy, He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. There's this verse in Hebrews 4:16, it says, Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Of course, you can read in First Timothy two five, about Jesus being our mediator. Or in Romans 8:26, how the Holy Spirit is making intercession for us as we pray. And what you see there is an active God, and Paul's referencing this, that he's the father of mercy. Is mercy needed when we're in the heavenlies? No, it would have already been accomplished at that point. Mercy is applied here. You know the idea sometimes is he's a cosmic God, and he is not involved at all in our lives today. That's a dangerous sentiment. He does care about what we're going here, going on here in our lives. I think about Epaphroditus and Philippians, 2:27, for indeed, he was sick nigh unto death, but God had mercy on him. And you say, Well, yeah, God, but yeah, God would maybe have mercy because Paul's apostle, he's a special case. Epaphroditus was not but it clearly states here in Scripture, and not to get too in the weeds about this, but we know the facts are, he was sick nigh unto death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. It's encouraging for us today that know that he is the Father of mercies, meaning that he's the originator of having this pity and compassion. Also he's the God of all comfort. And this word comfort comes from the idea of Paracelsus, and this is actually the Paraclete. Is the Holy Spirit, as he's described in Scripture. So you think about this idea of comfort, it means to come alongside and as an aid. It gives the idea of exhortation, but it says that he's the God of all comfort, that coming alongside and exhorting. And to me that's an encouragement there, because, again, he's talking to the Corinthians in real time in the first century, trying to encourage them because of suffering, saying God is the Father of mercies, and he's the God of all comfort. I think when I look at that today, that gives me hope that God is not. Just saying, deal with it, and I'll see you in heaven one day there. You know, you can get in the weeds about, what does this mean? How does he do it? What is his mechanisms for for doing that? But I

don't think you can debate that he is the God of all comfort. So reviewing this second Corinthians, one eight. This is that part where he says we were pressed out of measure, above strength, and so much that we despaired even of life, which think we all feel that way a little bit here today, probably most of us. But he says, To start this passage out, he says, Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the Father of mercies and the will of God, I'm sorry, and the God of all comfort we can relate to Verse eight, it describes us to a T, and we believe verse three to a T. Then what is in between is what makes sense. Verse four, he says, Who comforted us in all our tribulation? When do we go through tribulation? While we're here on the earth, we won't be going through tribulation and trials in heaven. It says that God actively is comforting us in our tribulation today. Now listen to what he says next, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. So it's like there's a purpose. God's comfort in us coming from the Holy Spirit inside of us, through the word of God, through the people of God, right? God's comfort toward us isn't just about us, it's about us then turning around and being able to comfort others who are in trouble. It's an interesting fact that he is mentioning here, and that is, we know that we can be in despair, we know we can go through suffering. We know we can go through difficult times. But notice he says, the focus begins with God, and then it begins on others. And when you do those two things, guess what? You're not focused on you. The debilitating thing of going through difficulties in this life is when you focus just on you, you will just sit in despair, and you'll just keep playing it over and over in your head. You'll replay how people hurt you, right? It'll keep you up all night. You are so focused on you and how you feel that you are blinded to the great God who is worthy to be praised, and the job of comforting other people, taking what has happened to you and how God brought you through it and encouraging somebody else with that. And there are, I don't know where you're at, but I'm telling you what stay the course, and there will be those full circle moments, some of the My most embarrassing moments, some of my biggest falls. God would later sit me right across from somebody and use me to help them get through it. I never could have saw it when it happened. And I'm not saying, Well, praise God I sinned, or praise God I blew it all up. No, I'm not saying that, but I'm saying that God is big enough that part of picking up the pieces down the road I was able to look across from somebody and maybe help somebody else from destroying their life. That is taking the comfort that you've received and comforting others who are in any trouble. You have, things that you've been through, that maybe I haven't and God may bring somebody right across your way, that it's all going to come right back to you and you'll be like, Hey, here's how I dealt with this. Here's how I dealt with the suicide of a son or daughter. Here's how I dealt with my spouse passing away tragically, and it means something. When the person sitting across from you has walked where you have to walk, it gives them more credibility. It gives you more credibility. Because sometimes we're like, yeah, these are just words. You've not been in my shoes, but when somebody has I love how Hebrews even makes it a point to say Jesus was tempted in all points as we were yet sin not he gets it. He understands it's not like, Well, Jesus didn't live in this pervasive culture that we're in today, so he can't understand what I'm really going through. Yeah, the technology may look different, but the heart isn't how much technology did Sodom and Gomorrah need to be that depraved culture? I mean, they didn't have Snapchat, Instagram, or any of that stuff. But look at that culture. It's because the heart, it's always been there. The heart is desperately weakened, deceitful above all things. Now think about how Paul could say this. How did God comfort him in all this tribulation? How was he able to find comfort in any trouble, as he talks about here, as far as being able to comfort others in any trouble, think about it. How many times did he see God step in for him? We look at that long list in second, Corinthians, 1123, through 27 but and then finally, 28 is talking about the church. And we say, man, he went through so much, but every time God delivered him, you see God over and over again, worked in there. Now, obviously he's not alive today. So I mean, there was a point where he had his mission was complete. He's able to say, I fought a good fight. I've finished the course. I've kept the faith. But God intervened over and over and over again in his life. Now, granted, he had a specific purpose. I get that there was even a group of 40. This one's part crazy. In Scripture, there's even a group of 40 Jewish men who made a vow. I don't know if you guys remember this is not in Scripture. They said

we're not going to eat or drink until we murder Paul. And they weren't successful, right? In fact, here's a live look at these guys today. Yeah, it's because they didn't succeed. Now, when you're looking at this passage, you look at the engagement of others. First, the focus was the God, who is the God that does what he does, and then, after receiving the comfort from God, it's about seeking out others to help. And that takes a lot of getting out of yourself. In fact, I would say that it is one of the most diffusing things we can do in the middle of great pressure and tribulation is to find someone else to encourage, find somebody to pray for, find somebody to serve. And when you do that, and when you're sitting across from someone, you know the other thing that happens, you get reminded of how God was faithful to you as you replay. This is how God got me through, because sometimes we forget how faithful God has been to us, how he didn't leave us nor forsake us, how what we did didn't separate us from the love of God, how there is, therefore now no condemnation to them, which are in Christ, Jesus, and when you're sharing with other people, it's a reminder. It didn't all end for me right there. The grace of God intervened. Look what he was able to do in my life down the road, and I'm sitting across telling somebody that it's a reminder to me. So it's important that we engage others, and we look for those who are in trouble and see if we can offer comfort, especially if it's something you know, something about, something you've been through that maybe nobody else has. And you hear of somebody else, I remember after our house burned down, there was, you know, anytime that we would hear somebody else's house that burned down. I mean, Rachel and I were kind of like, oh, well, we should do something. We were more moved because we're like, we experienced that, but we also experienced the people of God stepping up and meeting our needs through that. God chose to use the people to comfort us through that situation, as well as his promises in the Word of God and the Holy Spirit inside of us. Now, Galatians 6:1 and 2 is another good example of this. It says, Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted, Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. And that question, I think, should be asked consistently, am I bearing others burdens? If you're mature, if you have, if you would describe yourself as one of the spiritual ones, right? And you are farther down the path, you're walking in the Spirit, not fulfilling the lust of the flesh. You've grown, you've learned and you are more on the mature side. Are you looking to then help those who are struggling with their flesh, maybe those younger brothers. Are you helping bear one another's burdens? Or are you just sitting on the sideline with all your knowledge? Are you serving anybody? I think we have to remind ourselves why we were left here. And I think it's important that we understand how important we are as the body of Christ, one to another, Romans, 12:10, tells us be kindly affection, one to another with brotherly love and honor, preferring one another. It's been my experience on a lot of different boards. I've been involved in things that Rachel has sometimes, Christians are the worst. They really are mean spirited, negative, divisive. And I'm like, I don't what should look different about us. In fact, look at all the letters Paul wrote, he's addressing the vast majority of this is addressing the failures of people inside the body of Christ and how they're dealing with one another. The whole book of First Corinthians was because he got a letter talking about how divisive people were from the house of Chloe. And he's handling all these even to the point where they were suing one another. He's like, could you not find anybody outside here to handle this matter? You think that even somebody outside the church could be more righteous than the way you've handled this, not loving one another, not being gracious, not giving people the benefit of doubt, putting your foot down, saying I'm right, and I'm willing to be divisive about it, even if, even if, it hurts people. But what I see in Scripture is we're supposed to be kind one to another, preferring one another in love. Philippians, two, three and four, my life verses, it says, Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mine, let each esteem or value others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. These verses, single handedly, saved my marriage. They were they were the lightning bolt that came down to me. God used holy men who encouraged me through Scripture to realize things I didn't see in myself. Because if you're trusting yourself to be objective about yourself, do I need to remind you about the Jeremiah verse? Again, the heart is deceitful above all things and

desperately wicked. You are not the best judge about who you really are, the word of God and the Holy Spirit can help quite a bit with that. But are we thinking about that? Are we considering others more significant than ourselves? What's our motivation when we go to people? Is it in love? Is it to make a point? Is it to control the narrative? First, Corinthians, 125, through 26 I'm sorry, 1125, through 26 it says, Let there be no schism. And we talked about this, I think, last year, and this, a lot of people ask me afterwards, what's a schism, right? Let there be consider it just a word for division. But there be no schism in the body that the members should have the same care one for another, and whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored. All the members rejoice with it. Somebody kicking people when they're down. But we can comfort people. We can encourage them. We can come alongside them. If God has brought you through something. It's interesting. Paul talking about man I'm pressed beyond despair, but then showing this connection between the focus being on God and then comforting other people how God uses us to do this work. It's how we get through times like that. The next few verses, to wrap this little passage up, verse five through seven, he says, For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation which is effectual and the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. Whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation and our hope of you is steadfast, knowing that, as you are partakers of the suffering, listen to this part, so shall ye also of the consolations. The more suffering, the more consolation that you participate in. And lest we be confused on this and be sold a bill, I guess, be sold something that's not real about Christianity, suffering is normal. It doesn't mean you're sinning. Sometimes it is result of sin, but we don't escape it by being more holy. Philippians 129 says, For unto you is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for his sake. You take a stand on truth, you're bold, and you go out there, you're going to suffer. Now, it may not be physically in this country, although it feels like it's getting closer to that, but, but you'll be ostracized on social media. No doubt. You probably will lose friends, probably very lonely taking that stand. So there is even that suffering of standing on truth today. Second, Timothy, 312 Paul takes a step further as he's as he's exhorting Timothy as he's going off the scene reminding him all that live godly in Christ, Jesus shall suffer persecution. There is a price for living godly. So it's not that, oh, we just have the blessed life Romans, 818, for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. It's a perspective, right? So, yes, I don't just say that, yep, I'm going to suffer in this life. But it's understanding that even in this suffering, it's nothing compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. It's making sure we do have that heavenly mindset, even though we still have to live here today. Second Corinthians 416, through 18, says, which cause we faint not, but though our outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day. Listen to what he says here. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, it worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. And this is just three four chapters later than how we started out today. Now, wrapping this up, we talk about how God is using us. We talk about this every week. God is using us as ambassadors, right with the ministry of reconciliation to see all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We're the ones who he has left in charge of doing that, to share that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, and that His precious blood, when it was applied, took care of every one of your sins. It was the perfect sacrifice, and then he rose again three days later, proving that He is God and not just someone who died. And the father said, I've committed my love toward you, and that while you're yet sinners, Christ died for you. Love was the motivation and for you and him to be in a right relationship. He has left us to tell that story. But in the same way, he's also using us to restore people. We're the mechanism he chose to use. He's using us to comfort those with the way that God gave us His comfort. I think that's important to understand. If you're ever bored of being a Christian, then you're not doing the work. Look around. There are people to comfort, pray for, encourage, restore, lift up, share the gospel with we have a job. It's not merely just seeing people saved. We have to interact, especially with the body of Christ, which is who's, excuse me, whose

Paul's letters are written to. Now you may feel like Paul in verse eight right now, in this moment, pressed out of measure, above strength, you can't go on. You're despaired even of life. I want to encourage you. First of all, remember who God is. Remember him and remember who you are in Christ your identity, remember the mercy and the grace and not the gas prices. I know we have to live in this, but it's a choice to dwell on our circumstances. Focusing on other people will get you off of what you are dealing with. And I felt just today, I wanted to encourage you that today the body of Christ, working in unity, should be doing that we should be comforting one another. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one is honored, we honor. We should be there for one another. Many of us have been through so much, and God has brought us through. You have something to give to someone else. And what I see, what Paul's saying in here, is that what God did wasn't just for you. Now go and comfort others. And that was, that was my heart today? I know we have Mother's day next week and a topic we're going to talk about a couple weeks after, already lined up. So I was like, I've got this one week. This is what was on my heart. So I'm gonna have everybody Stan at this time. My hope is that you were encouraged today, and that first Corinthians will either motivate you to look for others and remind you of who God is. But if you're here and you've been praying about coming and being a part of what we do here, or maybe you have questions about salvation, or what's next after you get saved, we'd love to talk to you. Feel free to walk up, and we've got workers up front who are willing to come alongside you and answer your questions, but this time, we're going to pray, and then we're going to sing a song and dismiss Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for this day, thank you for your grace and Your mercy. Lord. Lord, we do not deserve what we have with you. And Lord, it is comforting to me to know that you do care what's going on in our lives. You are present with us. You have given us the Holy Spirit that we are literally taking you around with us in everything that we do and say and experience. You've given us the body of Christ to come alongside and and to edify one another, encourage one another, but also to speak the truth and love. Think you also give us the body of Christ to to make sure that we don't continue in sin and destroy our lives, that people can speak truthfully to other people. Lord, I pray that we would maybe today. Today, even if it means journaling or through prayer time, remember all that you've done for us and be looking for other people, Lord, who are going through similar things that we might be able to encourage. Lord, thank you for all you've done in my life. It's still so humbling to know I can even stand up here. You know, on a Sunday, every Sunday, Lord, just hold this position that would did not seem possible two decades ago, but it's a testament of Your grace and Your mercy. And Lord, I thank you for that, and I pray that there be others who'd be encouraged in this room that it's not over, that you're the God of all comfort where there's somebody even praying right now, they might be praying for somebody to come alongside them, and maybe we'd be those people. Lord, I pray that you just be with the people and encourage them right now. It is hard, but Lord, we know that your strength is perfect in weakness and that your grace is sufficient. We pray that there's anyone here who's not been saved, that today would be the day, Lord, that they would place their faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the shed blood of Jesus Christ to wash away all their sins. Lord, I pray that you just be with grace, point, protect us, help us as we move forward. I pray that you'd receive all the honor and glory.