

**Lesson 1**  
**God's Comfort in the Midst of Pain**  
**2 Corinthians 1:1-11**

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**I. Salutation and description of writer and readers (1:1-2)**

**A. The Writer (1:1a)**

- The writer identifies himself as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul points out that he was an apostle by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Timothy is \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Recipients (1:1b)**

- The letter is addressed to the \_\_\_\_\_ at Corinth.
- The letter is also addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ in Achaia.

**C. The Salutation (1:2)**

- Paul gives the standard greeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Thanksgiving for God's comfort (1:3-11)**

**A. God's comfort in our lives (1:3-7)**

**1. The praise for the Comforter (1:3)**

- He praises God for \_\_\_\_\_.
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**2. God's comfort toward us (1:4a)**

- God extends comfort in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. The purpose of God's comfort (1:4b)**

- Comfort is not solely intended for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Comfort is intended to be shared with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question:**     Why do you think our experience of God's comfort enables us to comfort others who are suffering?

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4. The scope of God's comfort (1:5)

- Just as the sufferings we endure abound, the comfort of God \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The purpose of Paul's suffering (1:6)

- As Paul endured his suffering and is comforted, he is able to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Paul's hope (1:7)

- Paul had a hope that just as they endured suffering, they would \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Paul's affliction (1:8-11)

1. Paul's life threatening experience (1:8-9a)

- Paul reminds his readers that he was almost \_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture Reading:      1 Corinthians 2:1-3

2. Paul acknowledges God's grace (1:9b-10a)

- Paul points out that God had \_\_\_\_\_.

3. An answer to intercessory prayer (1:10b-11)

- Paul points out that his rescue was God's answer to \_\_\_\_\_.