

God's Faithfulness is Our Anchor. vv12-22

Our confidence doesn't rest in... v12 "earthly wisdom but by the grace of God." v20 "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him [Christ]."

Rom.8:31-32; v22 "[God has] given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." Rom.8:15-16

Our Greatest Defense (in suffering) is Joy in Christ. vv23-24

v24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. Neh.8:10; John 15:11; 1Pet.1:8

Growing Notes

Icebreaker: Share about a time when Someone else's encouragement or comfort made a difference in your life. Review the background of 2 Corinthians. What is the one thing you need to remember from this sermon?

Read 2Cor.1:3-4a. What do these verses teach us about the character of God? How does knowing Him as the "Father of mercies" and "God of all comfort" change the way we face suffering?

Read 2Cor.1:4b-7. How can your personal experiences of suffering help you to minister to others? Why do you think that we too often hide our scars rather than use them to point others to the Healer?

Read 2Cor.1:8-11. How does suffering teach us to rely on God rather than self (or a counterfeit god)? Why is prayer so important in seasons of suffering, both our own and others?

Read 2Cor.1:12-22. What does it mean that all of God's promises are "Yes" in Christ? Which promise or promises are anchoring you right now?

Read 2Cor.1:23-24. Why is Paul working with them for their joy? How is faith and joy in Christ mutually inclusive? The more you are satisfied in Christ the less you'll be overtaken by sin and overwhelmed by suffering. Explain. What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2025

Oct. 2	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room Methods Class – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 3	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room Young Adult – 6:30pm – Family Room
Oct. 7	DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 8	Day of Prayer – 6am – 6pm Linger – 6:30 Night of Worship
Oct. 9	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room Methods Class – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 10	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room Parent's Night Out – 5pm
Oct. 11	Parenting Class – 9am-2pm – Community Hall
Oct. 12	Leadership Meeting – 9am – Anomaly Room
Oct. 13	Faith-Family-Freedom - 6pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 14	DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 15	Wings – 6:30pm *note change of date
Oct. 16	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room Methods Class – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 17	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room Young Adults – 6:30pm – Family Room
Oct. 21	DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 23	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room Methods Class – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 24	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room Love Your Marriage – 6:30 - Community Hall
Oct. 27	Seasons of Care – 6:30pm – Family Room
Oct. 28	DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 29	DB Fall Festival
Oct. 30	Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room Methods Class – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room
Oct. 31	Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room

****Please check out dbcc.com for more information and to register for events.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Café is open 45 minutes before each service, you can order online through the QR code.

Please register for classes that require Childcare

Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com

Upcoming Events:

Fall Festival – Wednesday Oct.29

DB Ladies Soup Swap – Nov.1

DB Starting Point – Nov. 2 (8 weeks)

DB Ladies Fall Event – Nov 9

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

God > My Highs/Lows – 2nd Corinthians

Oct. 11/12	Forgiveness and Restoration	2 Cor. 2
Oct. 18/19	Becoming Whole	2 Cor. 3

Thank you for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Weekly Giving Sept. 27/28
Budget \$28,500 – Actual \$17,886
DYTM : \$173

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

Oct. 4/5
2025

God is > My Highs/Lows
“Comfort in Suffering “ (2Cor.1:1-24)

Ray Davis

Background: Paul’s first letter to the church in Corinth dealing with serious questions and problems in the church was not received well. Paul followed it up with what he calls a “painful visit” (2Cor.2:1) and then he later sent another letter, which was written with “anguish and tears” (2Cor.2:3-4). After all these measures, most but not all of the Corinthians realized their arrogance and apologized to Paul, hoping to reconcile with him. In this very personal letter (2Corinthians) Paul opens his heart and shares his greatest highs (joys) and lows (sorrows) and assures them of his love and commitment.

Life is full of highs and lows. On the mountaintops, we rejoice, we celebrate, we feel unstoppable. But in the valleys, when suffering hits...we wonder: Where is God in this?

If you remember one thing today, let it be this: Suffering is never for nothing. He uses it to comfort you (intimacy), grow you (maturity), and equip you (ministry) to comfort others.

God is the Source of All Comfort . vv3-4a

v3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, v4 who comforts us in all our affliction... Ps.9:9-10; Ps.91:1

Comfort Is Meant to Be Shared . vv4b-7

v4b 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. v6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation... Gal.6:2; Rom.12:15; 1Thess.5:11

Suffering Teaches Us to Rely on God . vv8-11

v8c so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. v9 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. Pro.3:5-6; v11 vital role of prayer support; James 4:2; 5:16