

**Sermon Notes -**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**Summer Series:**  
**“Sound Theology = Peaceful Comfort”**

**Week 1:** Paul’s **focus** in 2nd Corinthians, is to express his **joy** at the Corinthians’ **restoration** to the greater Church.

**Week 2:**

Scripture Focus: 2nd **Corinthians** 1:3-11

**v.3-7**

Paul **begins** to **praise** God for the **afflictions** he has suffered, because **through** afflictions, he experienced God’s **comfort**.

Scripture Reference: **John** 14:27

Scripture Reference: **Philippians** 4:7

Paul wants the **Corinthians**, to endure afflictions as well, so they also may **experience** God’s comfort.

**v.8-11**

Paul also wants the Corinthians to **understand** the **depth** of his afflictions, and how **close** to **death** he has come in his life.

Paul then **directs** the Corinthians to the **resurrection**, so that they might understand that to get through affliction and experience comfort, one must **trust** what **God** has done.

Scripture Reference: **John** 11:25

Scripture Reference: **Daniel** 3:17-18

Though we might want to **avoid** afflictions, God wants us to be both **prepared** to go through them, and to **not shy** away from them.

Scripture Reference: **Ephesians** 4:15

Scripture Reference: **Proverbs** 27:6

Scripture Reference: **John** 16:33

Like the Paul and Corinthian situation, **affliction** in our own lives can bring about **restoration**, if we seek the Lord for **comfort** and to walk in **godly** conduct.

**Challenge:**

Memorize one of the above verses this week from Daniel, Proverbs, or John. So that when affliction arises, you will be found in the comfort of God.