

How to Resurrect Hope When You Are Hurting

2 Corinthians 1:8–11



8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

“Despair” is the result of having no _____ or way of _____.

9 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.

God’s purpose in trials is to teach us to abandon an unhealthy _____ - _____ and _____ in God.

10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Paul’s confidence is based on God’s actions in the _____, _____, and the _____. Spurgeon said our true hope was in the permanent remedy of the _____.

11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Three life lessons we need to remember:

1. We will have _____ this side of Heaven.
2. Divine deliverance comes as we _____ on God.

3. God’s deliverance comes in response to the _____ of God’s people.

Biblical hope is not wishful thinking but an absolute confidence in God’s promises for the _____ (v. 10) based on his faithfulness in the _____ (v. 9).

Why do Christians experience suffering?

1. To bring _____ and warn us of the consequences of sin.
2. To _____ us in our weakness to Christ’s image (His personality).
3. To develop deep spiritual qualities like _____ and _____.
4. To teach _____ that enables us to identify with and help others.
5. To provide _____ to those whose faith is weak.
6. To convince the _____ that God’s grace is real.

What do you do when you are hurting?

1. Embrace the _____.
2. Be _____.
3. Learn to be _____.
4. Take it to the _____ in _____, and very few others.
5. Seek _____.
6. Learn the power of _____.
7. Trust God’s _____.

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