

How do I meditate on scripture? Do I know how to worry? I know how to meditate. It is the same process, but in a different direction.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

The church at Corinth as revealed by 1 Corinthians:

Paul sends Titus. Meets Titus at Troas.
Problems at Corinth now:

In 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, what is the secret word?

2 Corinthians 1:8-11, how did Paul suffer?
(2 Cor 11:23-29)

What is a comfort zone?

What is the problem with a comfort zone?

Why can't I have a comprehensively comfortable life?

What are the three names of God in verse 2?

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Comfort - "*parakaleo*" One who comes along side and encourages.

John 14:26-27 _____ is the word translated from *Paraclete* to mean Holy Spirit

John 16:7 _____ is the word translated from *Paraclete* to mean Holy Spirit

All the uses in 2 Cor 1:3-7 of "comfort" are the same word.

Three way balancing act:

- God grants _____
- Paul works toward gaining _____
- Others pray for Paul's _____

What do we know from scripture?

- God is a compassionate _____
- God cares for and will _____
- I need to look for _____
- Being comforted is not just a dead end blessing for me.

Romans 8:28 God causes all things work together for good...

Nut how? Three that phrases:

Verse 4

Verse 7

Verse 9

So what does that mean for us today?

Our world ...

Our response to God...

Our response to others ...

What is my part in all of that...