

## Bible Study Lesson: “Comfort That Multiplies”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:2–6 (NIV)

Theme: God comforts us in our troubles so we can comfort others with the same comfort we’ve received.

### NIV Passage Highlight

2 Corinthians 1:2-6 - New International Version

***<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.***

### Lesson Goals

Participants will:

- Recognize God as the source of true comfort.
- Understand the purpose of comfort: not just relief, but ministry.
- Reflect on how shared suffering builds spiritual community.


### Verse-by-Verse Breakdown

### Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul mean by “comfort” in this passage? How is it different from worldly comfort?
2. Can you think of a time when someone comforted you with wisdom born from their own suffering?
3. Why do you think God allows us to experience trouble if He’s the “God of all comfort”?
4. How can your story of healing or endurance become a blessing to someone else?
5. What are some ways we can be intentional about comforting others in our community?

## Life Application

- **Personal Challenge:** Write down one trouble you've faced and how God comforted you. Then write the name of someone who might need that same comfort.
- **Group Activity:** Create "Comfort Cards" with encouraging verses and personal testimonies to share with hospital patients, grieving families, or those in crisis.
- **Ministry Outreach:** Host a "Comfort & Compassion" night where people share stories of how God met them in suffering.

 **Memory Verse** - "He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble..." — 2 Corinthians 1:4a (NIV)

## Closing Prayer: "Comforted to Comfort"

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for being the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

In every trouble, You are near—strengthening us, holding us, and reminding us that we are never alone.

Lord, as we reflect on Your Word today, help us to see our suffering not as a burden, but as a bridge—

a way to reach others with the same comfort You've so graciously given us.

Teach us to be vessels of Your mercy,

to listen with empathy,

to speak with hope,

and to walk alongside those who are hurting.

May our lives echo the comfort of Christ.

May our stories bring healing.

And may our hearts remain open to the ministry of compassion.

We leave this space renewed, ready to comfort others as You have comforted us.

In Jesus' name we pray,