

## Pain Into Praise

### Description

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Children are amazing teachers. Their reactions to even mild traumas are authentic. One of their first reactions is to run immediately to the person they believe will offer them comfort and consolation.

We still look for comfort when we are wounded. We may find it in relationships or our faith community. Conversely, some of us try to deaden the pain in substance abuse, anger, or self-isolation.

Living in this world, we all know that there will be trials, pain, and suffering; Believers are not immune. If we could only run to the God of comfort and compassion immediately like children run toward the one who can provide it. There is nothing we experience in this life that will catch God by surprise.

God's comfort is active. It is healing. When we arrive on the other side of pain, though scars remain, we can encourage others in their own trials as we declare God's faithfulness. Our suffering is never wasted when we turn the pain into praise to the God of all comfort!

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