

God of All Comfort  
II Corinthians 1:1-11

Review:

1. Suffering can be good for us because it destroys our self-reliance and draws us closer to God in dependence.
2. Suffering can be good for us because when God gives us relief, we are drawn closer to Him in thanksgiving, love and praise.
3. Going through the experience of suffering is good for us, because it allows us to bless others who suffer in similar ways, pointing them to God.

Go further – read Psalm 27

1. In verse 1, what two reasons does David give for why he should not live in fear or dread?
2. How does David summarize his experience with God in verse 2? How has God delivered you in the past?
3. In verse 3, David says he will not be afraid in the future, even in times of war. Why was that David's worst fear? In what sorts of situations might you be tempted to be afraid?
4. What does verse 4 say is David's greatest desire? How does such a desire help to put our fears into the proper perspective?
5. What is David confident that God will do for him in verses 5 and 6? How does he say he will respond to this deliverance?
6. In verses 7 and 9, even though David is no longer afraid of his enemies, why do you think he continues to cry out to God?
7. In verses 8 and 10, where does David look for help?
8. In verses 11 and 12, what does David want God to do for him? What do you think this request has to do with the fears and problems he has mentioned in the rest of the psalm? How can our own journey toward righteousness affect our fears and problems?
9. In verse 13, where does David expect to experience God's deliverance? What does this assurance tell us about our own fears and problems?
10. In verse 14, what do you think it means to wait on the Lord? How has such waiting helped you in your own times of fear and difficulty?

Apply:

1. David looks to God, not only to take away his fears, but for real help in the face of his biggest problems. From what fears and troubles are you looking to God for deliverance?
2. How might God be calling you to wait upon Him in the face of your own difficulties?