

11 June 2017

Sermon Title: HOW TO GET THROUGH WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH

Scripture: 2 Cor 1:3-11

(3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, (4) who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (5) For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. (6) 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. (7) **And our hope for you is firm, because we know** that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. (8) We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. (9) Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. (10) **He has delivered us** from such a deadly peril, and **He will deliver us**. On him we have set our hope that **He will continue to deliver us**, (11) as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

1. **Life does not always make sense, but we can have ... PEACE... BECAUSE WE KNOW... GOD PROMISES:**

Isa 43:2 When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up-- the flames will not consume you. (TLB)

Heb 13:5c-6 For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will no fear. What can man do to me?"

Isa 49:15-16 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though, she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

2. **Everything on earth is broken ... but we can have ... JOY**
Because we know ... God promises: Isa 24:5+19 ... Rom 8:28 ... Rom 5:3-5
3. **Life is a battle, but we can have HOPE**
Because we know ... God Promises: 2 Cor 4:8-9+14 ... 1 Cor 15:43 ... 2 Cor 14:18 ... Rev 21:4

Focus on what really counts (Luke 12:15)