

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction, with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in encouragement too. If we are afflicted, it is for your encouragement and salvation; and if we are encouraged, it is for your encouragement, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our encouragement.