



## **Exchange: Despair for Comfort**

**2 Corinthians 1-2:17**

### **The Occasion for Despair**

- Disappointment
- Discouragement
- Disillusionment
- Depression

### **The Hope for Comfort**

### **The Intentional Exchange**

- Honesty
- Obedience
- Focus on the Facts

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# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Who is it that comforts us in our trouble and suffering? What are we to do as a result of receiving that comfort?
2. According to this passage, does comfort mean the end of suffering? How can suffering and comfort go on at the same time?
3. What sorts of “trouble” have you experienced in the past? What trouble do you have now?
4. Have you ever experienced comfort from God while you were suffering? What did that look like?
5. What sort of exchange do you have to make in order to receive God’s comfort in the midst of trouble? In other words, what role do you have to play?



## Memory Verse

*“We are pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”*