



**Beliefs, Values, Behavior**

Head/**Heart**/Hands

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Timothy our brother, To the church of God in  
Corinth, together with all the saints throughout  
Achaia: Grace and peace to you from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 1:1-2

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 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. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 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. 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.

2 Cor. 1:3-7



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Biblical Comfort always has Biblical Content

*Facts of comfort not just feelings of comfort*

Affliction:

-physical

-relational

-mental/emotional

Comfort:

It was sometimes deliverance OUT of affliction.

It was sometimes strengthening and sustaining  
grace IN affliction.

“Scripture says that He is the God of all comfort.”

“Let me tell you how I have experienced his  
comfort in my life.”

# Acts 19

## Paul's experiences in Ephesus

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. 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. 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, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

2 Cor. 1:8-11

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Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.

2 Cor. 1:12

## Hemingway's disastrous approach to "conscience"

"I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after, and what is immoral is what you feel bad after. Judged by these moral standards, the bull fight is very moral to me because I feel very good while it is going on and after it is over I feel very sad, but very fine."

“My conscience is clear but that does not make me innocent...it is the Lord who judges me.”

1 Cor. 4:4

I planned to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. I planned to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. When I planned this, did I do it lightly? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say, “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?

2 Cor. 1:15-17

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Cor. 1:18-20

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Live decided not deciding as to what will be the foundation for your life.

From that decided foundation you can make the many decisions that life will require you to make.