



MESSAGE NOTES

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UNBROKEN, week 2

It is our perspective that will allow us to live an unbroken life.

God wants to use your adversity to comfort others.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“God is in the business of developing comforters.” - Charles Stanley

What does this comfort look like?

1. Strength

- *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles ...* - 2 Corinthians 1:3
- *For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*
- Philippians 4:13

2. Hope

- *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have **hope**.*
- Romans 15:4
- *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**.* - Romans 15:13

Adversity is not enough!

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- “Only those who have received comfort from God are capable of giving it.” - Charles Stanley

Will you be ready?

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Mark 1:1-28	MONDAY Mark 1:29-2:12	TUESDAY Mark 2:13-3:6
This Week →	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17
WEDNESDAY Mark 3:7-35	THURSDAY Matthew 27:15-37	FRIDAY Matthew 27:38-66	SATURDAY Matthew 28:1-20
Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. We all face adversity. An advantage to living in spiritual community is the comfort we are able to receive when adversity strikes. Share a time when you received comfort from someone. How did that person help you through your difficult time?

2. Read and discuss the perspective and purpose that Paul shares for the trouble he faces in 2 Corinthians 1:3-6. Share a time when you experienced adversity but going to God gave you comfort. Since then, has God given you the opportunity to share the comfort you experienced from going to God with another as they dealt with adversity? How so?

3. Pastor Charles Stanley said, "Only those who have received comfort from God are capable of giving it." What does God's comfort look and feel like? READ Isaiah 41:10 and Romans 15:13. Why can sharing our experience of God's comfort in the midst of adversity give others strength and hope? What are some of the dangers of facing adversity alone?

Danny said, "If you don't go to God, your adversity will be wasted." How is your adversity "wasted" when you don't go to God for comfort?

4. What is the next step you should take in order to receive comfort from God for the adversity you are facing? Consider and share how each of the following ways could or have worked in your life.

- Go to the Word of God... specific stories & Scripture (Romans 15:4).
- Go to another believer (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- Listen to a positive message (1 Corinthians 1:18).
- Listen to spiritual music (Ephesians 5:15-19).
- Talk to God about it through prayer (1 Peter 5:7).
- Recall God's faithfulness in your life (Psalm 77:11).

God does not comfort you for your sake only. He wants to use your adversity to comfort others. Where has God prepared you to extend His comfort to others?



Welcome to EMMANUEL CHURCH

Greenwood Campus

February 14 & 15, 2015

GUEST INFORMATION

Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering bucket. Thank you for being our guest!

As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in our offering. Instead we hope that you will receive our gift to you of a comfortable experience and a message that makes sense to you.

LARGE PRINT and HOLE PUNCHED BULLETINS are available at the Information Center in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please visit the Information Center. We would love to meet you!

FOR CHILDREN

Our nurseries and children's program offer a warm, caring, and fun atmosphere for your child. They will be well-supervised and have age-appropriate FUN! Check-in begins 25 minutes before each service.

Our Family Room (by the Information Center) is an option if your child is not comfortable in his or her age-appropriate classroom, or if he or she is restless or fussy in the main auditorium. A private Nursing Mothers Only room is available as you exit the auditorium to the right near the restrooms. A live video feed is available in both areas so you won't miss the service in progress.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

832

GREENWOOD

3,388

TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 4,220

Offering: \$79,117

January Attendance Averages: Banta - 740, Greenwood - 3,656

January Giving Average: \$69,343

\$81,000 per week fully funds our Greenwood and Banta campuses.