

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for March 8, 2009**

**Down But Not Out  
2 Corinthians 1:3  
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Where should we look for comfort?

We should look to God for comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3).

So what does 2 Corinthians 1:3 tell us about God that should cause us to look to Him for comfort when we are facing difficult circumstances?

We should look to God for comfort when we are facing difficult circumstances because He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Knowing that the God of this universe is also "...God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" assures us that when we come before His throne He will receive us (Hebrews 4:14-16).

We should look to God for comfort because He is a merciful God (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Knowing that God is a merciful God not only assures us that when we come to Him that He will receive us but that He will do so compassionately (Psalms 103:13-14).

We should look to God for comfort in difficult circumstances because He is the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3).

The use of the word "all" in 2 Corinthians 1:3 excludes any other source of comfort and also emphasizes the complete adequacy of the comfort when God supplies it.

Knowing that God is the "God of all comfort" assures us that we do not need to go to anyone or anything else in order to find the comfort that we are looking for.

May God give us the grace to look to the Lord for comfort when we are facing difficult circumstances in light of all that we know about Him.