

# Session 5: Suffering Equips Us to Minister God's Comfort

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## I. Introduction

### A. *Our Goal*

### B. *Last Session Q&A*

1. I am tentatively planning to hold a Q&A time for our last session.
2. Please send your questions to: [office@eibibleschool.org](mailto:office@eibibleschool.org)
3. Deadline for submitting questions: Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### C. *Background to 2 Corinthians*

## II. All Comfort comes from God (1:3-5)

### A. *What is comfort? (verse 3)*

1. **Definition:** God's comfort is his gracious work when he lifts up our spirits and strengthens us to persevere in trusting Him.

### B. *How does God comfort us?*

### C. *When does God administer his comfort? (verse 4-5)*

### D. *What is the relationship between suffering and comfort? (verse 5)*

### **III. God Comforts Us So We Can Comfort Others (1:4)**

A. *Why does God comfort us? (verse 4)*

B. *What qualifies us to impart comfort? (verse 4)*

### **IV. Our Suffering is For the Comfort and Salvation of Others (1:6-7)**

A. *Why does God ordain suffering in our lives? (verse 6)*

B. *What is the goal of comfort? (verse 6-7)*

### **V. Conclusion/ Application**