

# THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** Do you have the kind of blanket that is known as a “comforter”? Why do you think it’s called by that name?

**READ:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

**FOCUS:** God comforts us in our suffering.

**OBSERVE:**

- Paul highlights the fact that suffering is a part of our Christian life. He says that we share in the sufferings that Christ experienced as part of his earthly ministry.
- Some people think we should always experience a “victorious” Christian life. All we need is to have enough faith, and we will experience the grace of God in the form of health, wealth, and smooth sailing. But suffering is part of living as faithful followers of Jesus in a broken world.
- When we encounter suffering, through Christ we receive promised comfort from God.

**DISCUSS:**

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Does this discussion remind you of suffering you have experienced in your life? Did you find comfort? How?
- Do you notice others needing comfort? Does the Holy Spirit prompt you to share encouragement or comfort with others based on your own experience?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- Are there any in your group who are suffering? Are there any with similar experiences?
- Share with each other how difficult these times in your lives have been. Share ways that God and other Christ followers helped you through those times.

**PRAY:** Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to earth as a man. Thank you for enduring every kind of difficulty to pave the way for us as we walk through life in a fallen world. Holy Spirit, thank you for coming alongside us in our difficulties. Help us to share your comfort with others. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!