

Every Season Is A Gift

Glendale Scriptures: Matt 7:24-25, Rev 12:11, Phil 1:21

2. In 2 Corinthians 1:3–11, Paul calls God the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, reminding us that the comfort we receive is meant to be shared. God often strengthens us through the people He places around us, using their presence, prayer, and perspective to steady us. The encouragement we receive prepares us to encourage someone else. How have you been strengthened in hardship, and who might God be prompting you to strengthen in return?

a. We see that biblical comfort ultimately is from God Himself, who comes alongside us to strengthen and sustain us in suffering. Seeing Him as our source shifts our focus from escaping hardship to remaining faithful and trusting Him within it. How does viewing God as your source of comfort reshape the way you see your circumstances?

3. In James 1:2–4, 12, we are invited to see trials through the lens of eternity. Perseverance shapes our character, and steadfast faith leads to life and reward in Christ. Joy in trials is not about enjoying hardship but trusting that God is using it to refine and strengthen us. How would your perspective shift if you viewed your current challenge as spiritual formation rather than an interruption?

4. John 6:60–69 shows us that not everyone stays when faith becomes costly. One disciple's response is moving because it reveals conviction: he trusts who Jesus is, even when he does not fully grasp what Jesus is saying. Faith sometimes means remaining when walking away feels easier. What is powerful about Peter's response? How can you cultivate that same resolve when you encounter teachings or seasons that stretch you?

TAKING IT HOME:

Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. It does not say all things are good. It says God is at work in all things. That means valleys are not wasted and mountaintops are not random. In every season, we are not left alone. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our Counselor in John 14:26 and our Advocate in John 14:16. He teaches, reminds, guides, strengthens, and walks with us. When the road feels blocked, He is present. When perseverance feels heavy, He is producing endurance. When clarity comes, He is directing the next step. God is not reacting to your life. He is actively working within it. Walk forward knowing the Spirit is with you and that God is at work, even when you cannot yet see the outcome.

Action step: Encourage someone who may be walking through what you have already endured.