

“Perspective – Part 1”

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II Corinthians 1:1-11

Fun Facts about I & II Corinthians: II Corinthians is likely the second letter written, but many Bible teachers believe I Corinthians is actually III Corinthians – that the first letter was lost. Part of the reason this is believed to be true has to do with Paul implying that his last letter was harsh, whereas I Corinthians is not strong or harsh.

1. **HOLY** is complete dedication to the Lord – past, present, and future! II Corinthians 1:1

Being holy is not a statement of perfection, but a full dedication of our lives to the Lord.

2. Comfort is a **GOD** gift (no matter how it is expressed). II Corinthians 1:3-4

Comfort is God’s expression that you **MATTER!**
It flows from His compassion.

3. Comfort keeps our hearts **SOFT** and our minds **STRONG!** II Corinthians 1:5-11
4. Comfort is to be **SHARED!** II Corinthians 1:3-4

Our pain is an open door to experience the heart of God in ways not otherwise possible. Others’ pain is an open door for us to be the hands and feet, the eyes and mouth, of Jesus to express HIS love for them.

Would you open your heart to the care and comfort of the Lord? Would you be willing to make holy (dedicate) your suffering so it is in the hands of the Lord to be used to bring aid, care and comfort to others?