

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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BECAUSE WE KNOW!

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." (NIV)

What _____ is what gets you through.

1. Life doesn't make sense, but we can have _____

Because we know _____

Some predictable reactions or stages that we go through:

Isaiah 43:2 "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you pass through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned up. It will not consume you." (NLT)

Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave you and I will never abandon you." (NCV)

Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast or the child she has born? Even if that were possible, I will never forget you! Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!" (NLT)

2. Everything on earth is broken, but we can have _____

Because we know _____

Isaiah 24:5, 19 "The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted the instructions of God, violated his laws and broken his covenant. Therefore... the earth has broken down and has utterly collapsed. Everything is lost, everything is abandoned and confused." (NLT)

Romans 8:28 "But we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, and have been called according to his purpose." (NIV)

3. Life is a battle, but we can have _____

Because we know _____

2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14 "We often suffer, but we're never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again... because we know God raised the Lord back to life. And just as he raised Jesus, he will also raise us back to life, and will bring us into his presence together." CEV

1 Corinthians 15:43 "Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness but they will be raised in strength!" (NLT)

2 Corinthians 4:18 "So we don't focus on the troubles we see right now; instead we look forward to what we don't see yet. For the troubles we see now are only temporary, but the joys to come will last forever." (GW)

Revelation 21:4 "Then God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will pass away." NIV

Bible Translations Used in This Message

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GW – God's Word Translation