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WHY GOD?

Turn Your Mess into Your Ministry

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

- I. There Will Be Messes and Misery. 2 Cor. 1:4; 11:23-28
- II. God Will Minister to Us in Our Messes and Misery... 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 4:8-11
 - A. God's Nature. 2 Corinthians 1:3
 - B. God's Ministry. 2 Corinthians 1:4
 - C. God's Tools. Rom. 15:5;13; 33
 - D. God's Method
 - E. God's Purposes in our Pain. Romans 8:28
- III. ... So, We Can Minister to Others in Their Messes and Misery. 2 Cor. 1:3-4
 - A. To minister to others, we need to focus on <u>others</u> more than on ourselves. 2 Corinthians 1:5-7

Will I face this as a Victim or as a Victor?

B. To minister to others, we need to focus on our <u>ministry</u> more than on our misery.

Will I allow my mess to make me a <u>Mess</u> or will I use my mess to make me a <u>Minister</u>?

C. To minister to others, we need to take the <u>comfort</u> we received (or <u>wish</u> we had received) and give it to others.

How to Turn your Mess into your Ministry.

- 1. Example
- 2. Empathize:
- 3. Encourage:
- 4. Evangelize:

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