

Handout June 14, 2024

**Gifts From Darkness --- Comfort From God
II Corinthians 1:1-7**

Praise God. One week ago, I challenged you to listen to your calling, your summons from God --- out of darkness. I also challenged you to not go back to the edge, the fringes of darkness.

Tonight is Part II of a three sermon series: I. Your Calling
 II. Your Gifts
 III. Your Walk

II Corinthians 1:3-7 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. ⁶ Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. ⁷ And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

===== Prayer =====

We start with suffering, with trouble, with anxiousness --- a good place to start.

Ephesians 4:1 KJV

"...walk worthy of your vocation --- "calling" with which you were called."

Part I ended with calling being not only a summons, but also a vocation --- a job.

God called us out of darkness and now He wants us to do something, and preferably do it well!

1. I can _____ my calling by _____ my gifts.

One of our fundamental verses for this body of Christians is this: ***Ephesians 4:11-12*** -----equipping saints.

- *Gifts* primarily come in four ways:

- 1) *Innate Gifts*
- 2) *Developed Gifts*
- 3) *Gifts* from Suffering/Darkness
- 4) *Gifts* from the Spirit

- Some *gifts* we are born with,
- Some *gifts* we develop with practice,
- Some *gifts* are learned through trial and error, but
- All *gifts* are either given by the Spirit or used by the Spirit, if applied.

2. I _____ .

You have *gifts*, you have talents.

1 Corinthians 12

3. I believe my gift(s) is/are _____ .

- Hopefully, everyone recognized some gifts they have. Tonight, I want to focus on *Gifts From Darkness* ---- *Gifts* acquired through trial, temptation, frustrations, sin, anxiety and worry.
- Each of us have had hard times. The question is, what did you learn? In today’s world, everyone needs comfort, and you are uniquely situated to do just that.... Comfort others.
- Is there anything you would not want me to see you doing? Or a police officer to see? Or your significant other? Or your kids?.....

4. My _____ are _____ me..... if I choose to see it that way.

- (A story --- I had a guy tormenting me.....)
- What sin did you practice? God has equipped you there. Alcohol, drugs... you can sponsor. Troubled as a kid... Suffered a great loss... Been unemployed before.....

5. Some _____ will always be in their _____ .

- Year after year some people never find a way to move on.
- What *Gift* --- training --- are you missing right now? Do you need? Ask.
- Next week will be *Gifts From the Spirit*, so this just became a 4 part series.

===== Holy Spirit Prayer =====

6. _____ was my missed opportunity that I am going to correct.

Gifts of Darkness --- Comfort from God, through you!

Romans 12:1-21

===== Prayer for Believer =====

===== Salvation Prayer =====

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