

When Life Comes to a Dead End

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Have you ever felt like your life was over?

“sentence of death” (v. 9)

“utterly, unbearably crushed” (v. 8)

Not completely bad

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

- The power of God (who raises the dead) v. 9
Romans 4:17; Hebrews 11:19

- The purpose of God (reliance on God, not self) v. 9
Mark 5:36

- The promise of God (to provide help) v. 5
“paraklesis”; Revelation 1:10

- The pattern of God (with those He loves) v. 5
Philippians 3:10

Have you ever been depressed?

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; ⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a *peril of* death, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, ¹¹ you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of* many.