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“Conduits, Not Containers”

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever felt as if you were two different people – the private sufferer and the public person who seemingly had their act together? Why do we have that tendency to mask our difficulties?

OPENING DISCUSSION (Have someone recap the message and then discuss the following question) Looking at your sermon notes in your Engage and Grow Journal, and remembering what was shared in the message, what stands out to you the most?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read II Corinthians 1:8-11

- How does Paul describe the difficulty he faced in the province of Asia?
- Speak of a time when your hardship seemed beyond your ability to endure. How did you make it through?
- When have you seen God’s strength in the midst of your weakness?

Read II Corinthians 1:3-7

- How has the Lord comforted you with His Word? What passage in the Bible speaks to you most clearly in the midst of your difficulties?

- Have you ever gone through a season of great hardship and suddenly you felt the presence of the Lord? Share with one another that experience.
- How have you been comforted by Christ-followers' words? By their actions? By their presence?

MOVING FORWARD

You have been comforted by the Lord. How could you be a conduit of that comfort in the coming week? Who is it that needs God's comfort – through you?

PRAYER