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## Small Group Homework

For the week of: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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*“God Doesn’t Give You Any More Than You Can Handle”*

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Has there ever been a time in your life where you had the thought, “I just can’t take anymore?” What were the circumstances, and how did you get through them?
2. When someone you know is going through a life crisis what are some of the best ways you can think of that we can lend comfort to them? What works for you?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. In our culture, the word “comfort” often invokes a sense of well-being, emotional relief, physical ease, satisfaction or even freedom from pain or anxiety. Some in our culture worship at the altar of comfort and seek it at all costs only to find it leaves them unsatisfied. The Bible never tells us that as believers we will never have trouble, in fact it says very clearly we will have trouble.

Read the verses below and write down what is helpful to keep in mind when we feel we cannot take any more.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

1 Peter 5:8-10

Romans 5: 3-4

Psalms 34:15-20

2. The Apostle Paul endured many hardships, yet he found a way to boast about them and never gave up his faith. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-30 and write down all Paul suffered.

Read verse 30 again. How does Paul reconcile all of his suffering?

How is this helpful in our own daily trials?

How can Paul’s boasting about his sufferings (instead of great conquests) be beneficial to himself or other believers?

3. Pastor Aaron said that there is a reason the Lord allows us to go through affliction and that He is still in the business of raising the dead. Read 2 Corinthians 1:9. For what reason does God allow affliction in our lives?
4. How does God turn the most difficult times in our lives’ into the comfort and encouragement others need?

### TAKING IT HOME

How can you minister to others this week that are currently experiencing crisis, affliction and trouble?

Prayer Requests:

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