

## ***“IT’S NOT ABOUT YOU!”***



***II Corinthians 1:4*** “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”

*Have you ever run into a person – male or female – who is a self-proclaimed expert on everything? They’ve been everywhere, done everything and have everything? But let the truth be told, they really don’t know anything, haven’t done anything, nor do they have anything. So if you haven’t seen anything, haven’t heard anything, or haven’t experienced anything, then it is impossible for you to effectively minister to my situation.*

*Let me remind you that you have been shaped by your experiences in life, most of which were beyond your control. God allowed them for his purpose of molding you. God uses painful experiences the most to prepare you for serving one another. Your greatest form of serving will most likely come out of your greatest hurt. Who could better minister to the parents of a premature child than another couple that has experienced the stress and strain of a premature birth? Who could more effectively comfort a woman in an abusive relationship than another woman who found the strength within herself to fight back and free herself emotionally and physically from the vice of fear and low self-esteem? Who could better understand and empathize with a person who has gone through the agony of losing a parent than another person who has had to bury their own loved one?*

*I Peter 4:11b says, “...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Every set back, every struggle, every situation, every set up, that is directed to you, is not for you to boast about what you did in your own strength, but that God be praised. Ephesians 2:9 says, “Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

*Stop complaining about what you’re going through. Stop crying about how hard life is. Stop carrying the weight of the world on your shoulder and on your face. God promised never to put more on you than you can bear. If you can’t take it, you can’t make it! Everything happens so that God can get the glory in your victory, in your success, and in your breakthrough so you can then lift a broken sister or brother who has given out, given in and given up. Let them see how God delivered you and how he established you even in the presence of your enemies as he continues to bless you. It’s because of God that you are where you are, that you know what you know and that you have what you have.*

*Everything you experience is so you are able to help someone else who is in need just like God delivered you! It’s not about you! It is for God’s glory.*

***BBlessed!***

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