## **Unpacking Forgiveness: A Purpose Text: 2 Cor. 1:3-11**

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We who, amid suffering and unpacking forgiveness, have been <u>emboldened</u> by our heavenly Father<sup>1</sup> to continue forward,<sup>2</sup> -- we are especially <u>qualified</u> to <u>encourage</u> others.<sup>3</sup>

| 1. | Our <u>merciful Father</u> is the source of all <u>comfort</u> . The combination of "father" and mercy is beautiful:       |
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| 2. | The word translated "comfort" might be better translated as <u>"encourage"</u> or <u>"embolden"</u> (cf. 2 Cor 9:5, 10:1). |
| 3. | Those who have been <u>emboldened</u> amid pain are especially <u>qualified</u> to <u>encourage</u> others.                |