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Still Face Paradigm

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II Corinthians 11:24-28

- 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.
- 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. One I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and as day I was adrift at sea;
- 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;

27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

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Dr. Dan Allender, The Healing Path

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So...therefore...what now?

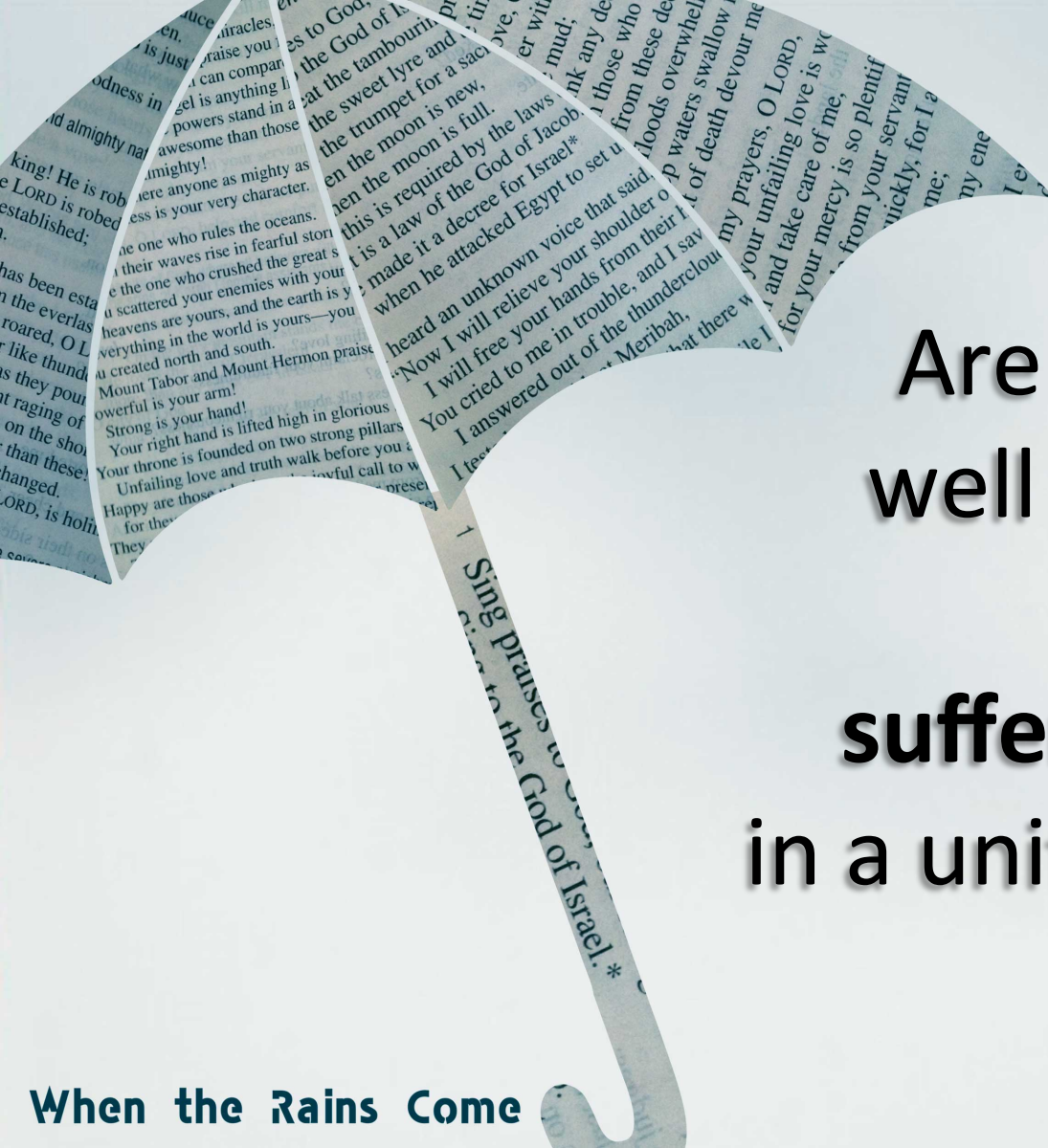
Application by way of
questions....

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Do we know the
Father of mercies and the
God of all comfort in a
way that transforms
our past, our present,
and our future?

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Are we willing to live well in a world where God uses both **suffering and comfort** in a unified and dynamic combination?

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Are we open to
allowing God to meet us in
the afflictions of our lives
so that we can be used to
comfort others with that
same kind of comfort?

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**Do we believe that
prayer is one of the
most important tools
that God can use to comfort
others, glorify Himself, and
amaze everyone?**

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Matthew 28: 20

Jesus said,

*“Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.”*