

GOD OF ALL COMFORT

2 Corinthians

1:3-4

## 2 CORINTHIANS

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Church at Corinth and through Achaia (v1)

2 Corinthians 1: as we share in Christ's sufferings, we will have comfort in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

## GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Praise... for His comfort

Real comfort can only by found in God because of the finished work of Christ

God will comfort them....

God of all comfort.... in all their troubles

## ALL COMFORT

naham:

most often translated "to comfort."

Parakaleo and Paraklesis:

to call for help ... stand alongside of ... comfort, ... encourage... cheer up

... exhort.

He comforts us... differently.... according to our need/s

### **COMFORT**

The basic concept (in both Testaments) is encouragement

whether by words or the presence(action) of another in time of need.

to console, help, give relief, cheer up, exhort, and to encourage.

Comfort began in Genesis 3:21 ...clothed them.

Salvation plan prophesied.

Comfort shown through Moses ... Exo 3:7-10

God had seen ... heard...was concerned...send rescue

### **ISAIAH**

The final twenty-six chapters of Isaiah (40-66) are often called "the volume of comfort"

promise of present comfort and the future promise of the suffering servant who comes to give hope, help, and release — "to comfort all who mourn" (61:3).

#### EXILE: ISAIAH 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem...that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

40:1-2

41:10

49:13-16

51:3-4

66:13

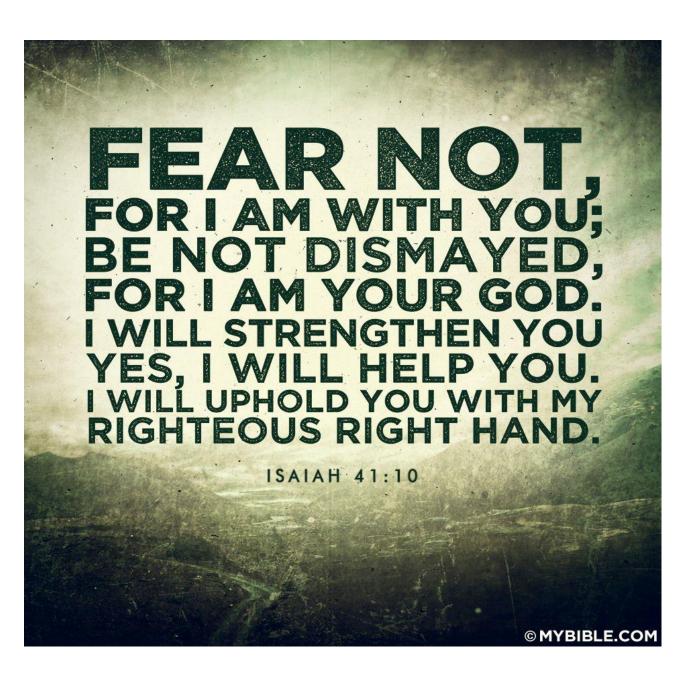
#### **EXILE: ISAIAH 40:1-2**

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God comforted His people in exile.

Punishment in exile at the hand of the LORD will come to an end.

Restoration was promised for Israel



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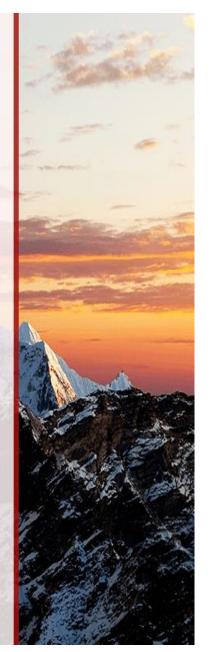
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ISAIAH 49:13

SHOUT FOR JOY, O HEAVENS; REJOICE, O EARTH; BURST INTO SONG, O MOUNTAINS! FOR THE LORD **COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE** AND WILL HAVE **COMPASSION ON HIS** AFFLICTED ONES.



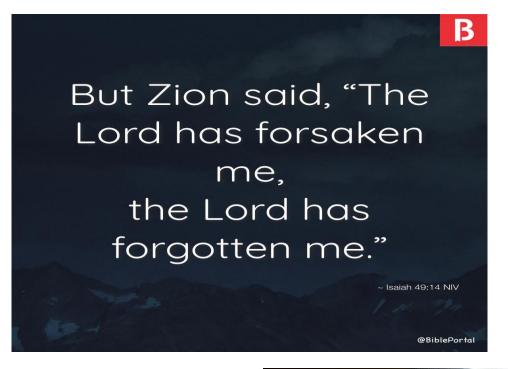
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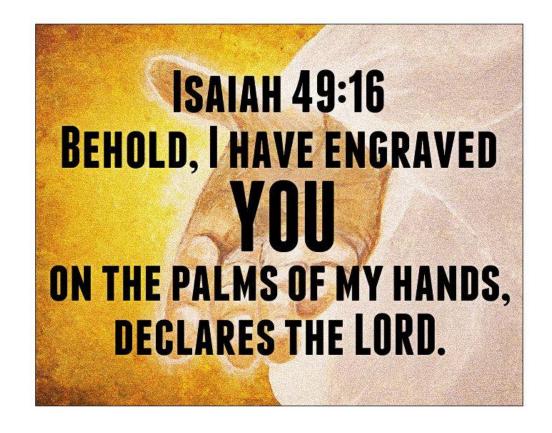




15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

<sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

( same hand pieced for us)



### **GOD WHO COMFORTS**

The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. (Isaiah 51:3-4)

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### GOD WHO COMFORTS

51:3-4

Because of His love / compassion.

Will prosper her.

Result in joy and gladness.....

Leading to thanksgiving and singing.



Isaiah 66:13

Comfort with tenderness

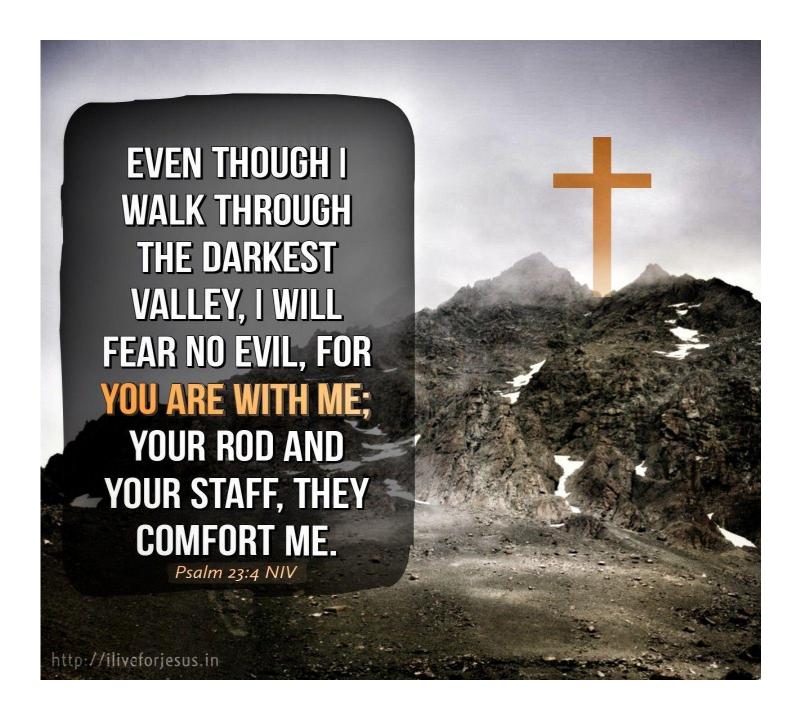
### **PSALMS**

23:4

34:15-18

86:15-17

119:50,76



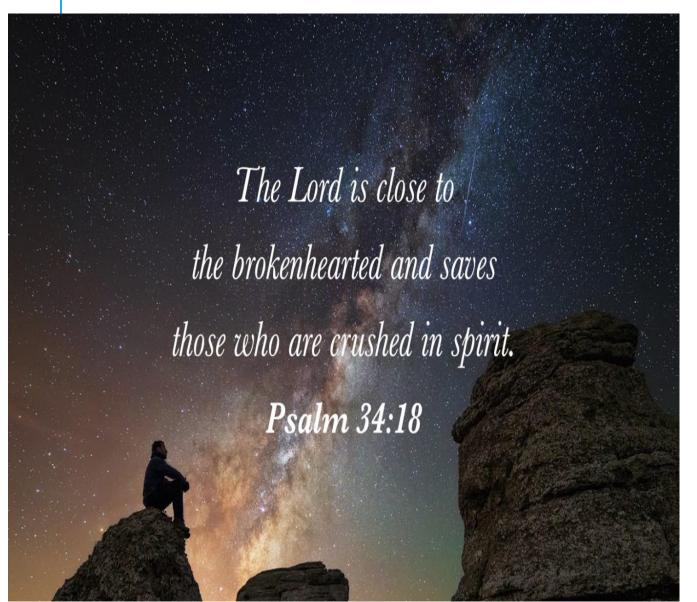
Psalms 23:4

Shepherd's

Rod...discipline

Staff..... guidance

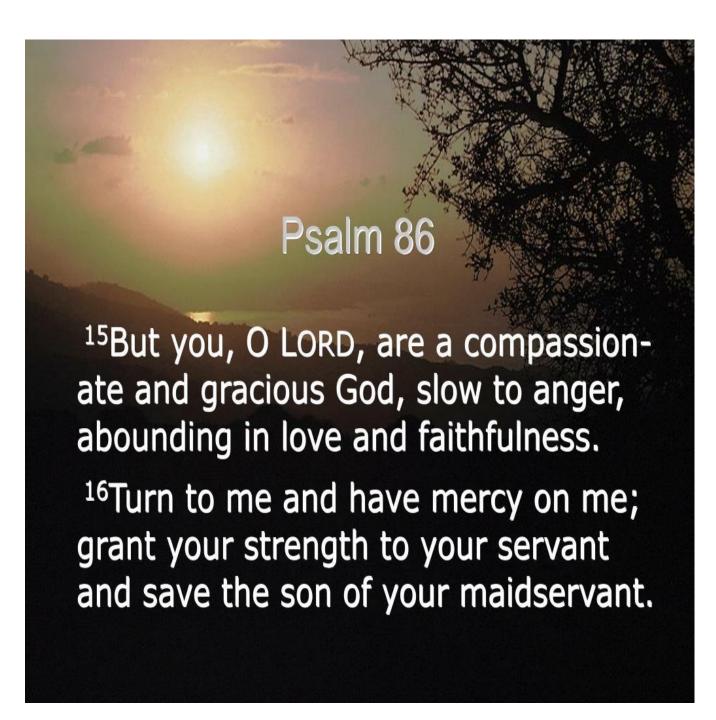
Comfort by discipline and guidance





The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

(Psalms 34:18 NIV)



Cry for mercy and deliverance

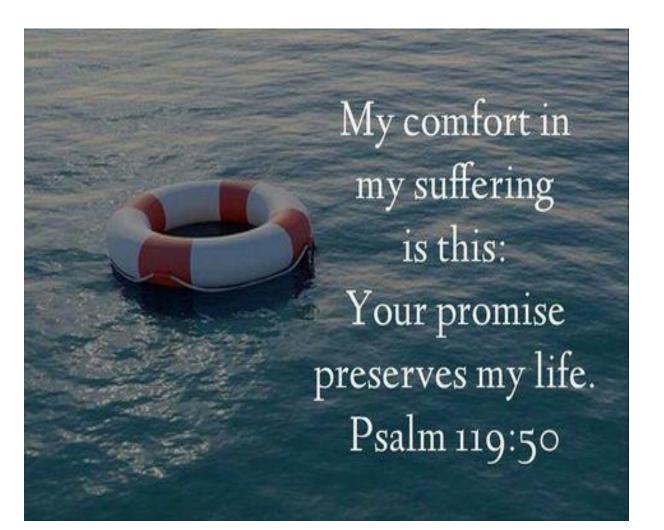


<sup>15</sup>But you, O LORD, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant and save the son of your maidservant.



# COMFORT IN HIS PROMISES



May Your Unfailing
Love Be My Comfort,
According To Your
Promise To Your Servant.

Psalms 119-76

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## COMFORT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 5:4

2 Corinthians 1:5,20

Philippians 4:13

Matthew 28:20

John 14:16,26

Romans 8:26

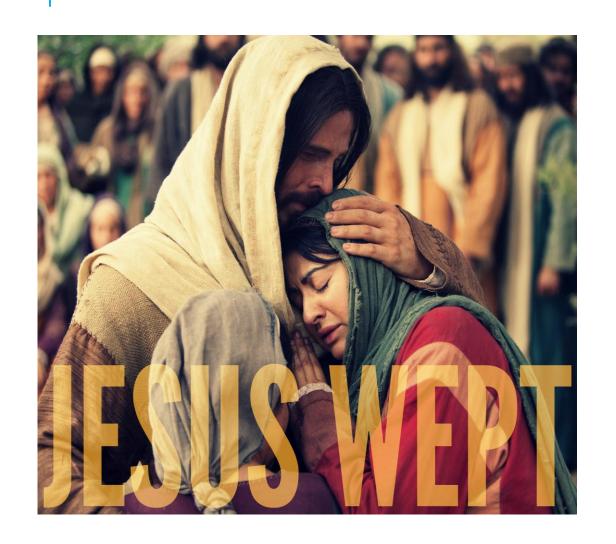


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### JOHN 11 LAZARUS



<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:5



Comfort abounds through (in) Christ

## SUFFERINGS ...

Suffering for the gospel.. Persecutions.

Paul's hardship was so life threatening (11:23-28)

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## SUFFERINGS ... COMFORT THROUGH CHRIST

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Comfort in salvation

Comfort in our trials ... through every stage of life.

Promises are Yes in Christ.







His promised presence to comfort and help.



Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

Divine hotline to the Father

Jesus intercedes on our behalf at the right hand of God where He is seated

High Priest who can sympathise with us Heb 4:15-16

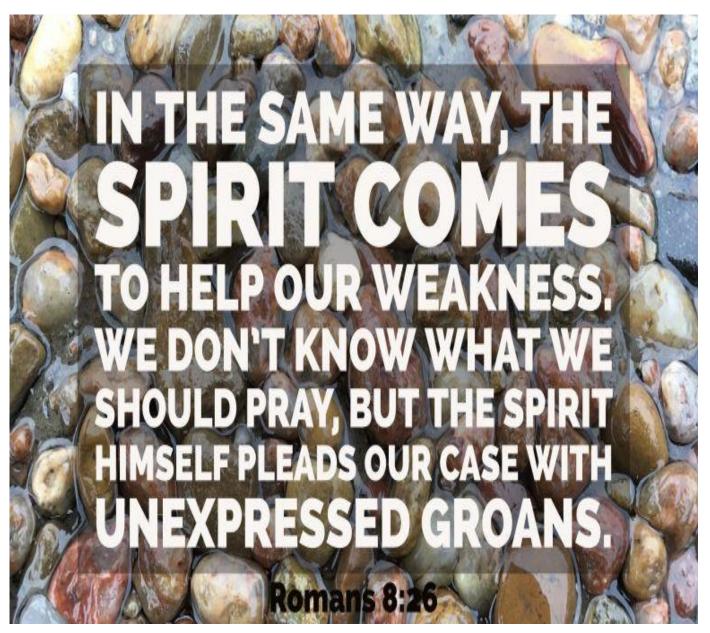
## HOLY SPIRIT .....ANOTHER COMFORTER



Sent by the Father and Jesus as mediator, intercessor, helper, and comforter..



Holy Sprit will be remind us of His promises in the Word



Helps us to pray...as we should

Romans 8:26

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In all that He does for us must be always comforting or not troubling or causing us discomfort It means

He is able to comfort us is every situation according to His love and good purpose.

## TROUBLED BY...

Mourning ... death

Disappointment / hopelessness ... failure / set backs

Fear .... uncertain future

#### **DEATH**

Death is not the end for Christians but the beginning

Jesus...way through death.... hope of eternal life

Find comfort in this hope.

#### Romans 5:1-2

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## DISAPPOINTMENT / DEPRESSION

Feel let down by someone we trust and betrayed.

Jesus our Lord .... Was betrayed and understand us.

Comfort in God alone who is trustworthy ... lead us through it.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** 

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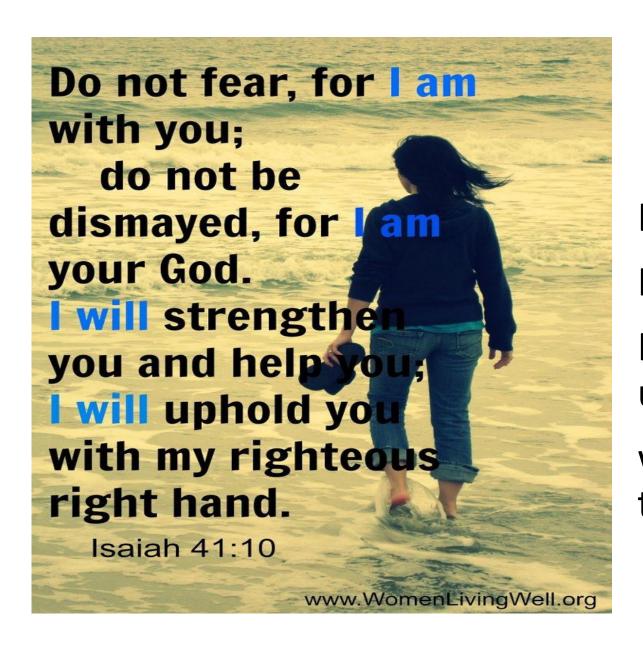
#### **FEAR**

Facing exams or new job

Sickness like cancer or chronic debilitation illness (stroke, heart failure).

Do not fear, for lam with you; do not be dismayed, for lam your God. I will strengthe you and help will uphold yo with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 www.WomenLivingWell.org

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His Presence... comfort
He strengthens us
His righteous hand is
upholding us ... and
we hold His hand through
the fear....

## "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23

however dark our night, however deep our fear, however hopeless our situation

Our comfort is in Him

