

GOD IS OUR MERCIFUL FATHER AND THE SOURCE OF ALL COMFORT

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us (New Living Translation).

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

The Paraclete Provides Enough Strength To Get US Through

Comfort or paraclete is the word that appears 9 times in 1:1-7, and 29 times in this Second Letter to the Corinthian Church

The word has more to do with strengthening than soothing.

God's comfort strengthens our resolve, increases our resiliency.

The Greek word also means to encourage, to give counsel, to provide advice, to come to one's aid; to help by giving us courage.

Our God Is the Heavenly Father Of Compassion

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

God Gives Us Enough Strength To Give Away To Others

The strength we received for the Lord helps us to strengthen others in their time of distress. In fact, one of the primary ways God delivers comfort is through people who come alongside us. In other words, when God gives you comfort, he doesn't just give enough to get you through; he gives us enough to give away.

The more freely Christ flows out of our lives, the more freely He flows into our lives



**God's Comfort Is Not About Feeling Better;
It's About Getting Stronger.
When God Gives Us Comfort, It's Not Just Enough,
It's More Than Enough!**
