



# WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**Sermon Series: Chasing Carrots: The Endless Pursuit of More**

**Sermon Title: Comfort**

**Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17, 2 Cor. 1:3-5, 2 Thess. 2:16-17**

**Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger**

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Sermon Notes  
February 4, 2024

**Comfort**

Big Idea

Trying to fulfill an eternal longing with temporary comfort will lead to an empty life.

1 John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5,  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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Hebrews 11

By Faith:

- Abel's offering was accepted, then he was killed
  - Noah was convinced a flood was coming with no rain in sight
  - Abraham left home to occupy the unknown promised land
  - Sarah believed she would have a child at an old age
  - Joseph, on his death bed, spoke of the exodus of Israel from Egyptian slavery
  - Moses, with a speech impediment, was used by God to face down Pharaoh and deliver Israel
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God, in every aspect of His being, is full of comfort, strength, and help for us.  
(Comforter, Advocate, Ready to Help...)

God the Father is the source of all comfort:  
Paul considers the Father a comforter,  
a Paraclete (paraklesis).

We also know that the Holy Spirit is our Paraclete.  
(John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7)

And that God the Son is our Paraclete.  
(1 John 2:1-2, Hebrews 2:18)

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This is a prayer full of useful and important truths:

- Jesus is ours
- God is our Father
- God has given us much
- We have comfort and wonderful hope
- It is all through grace

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## Sermon Questions

Ice Breaker: What does “living your best life” look like to you?

1. What from the message this weekend encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
2. In what ways and why do you think we tend to chase comfort?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. How does God's comfort differ from counterfeit comfort?
4. What steps can you take to embrace authentic comfort (God's comfort)?
5. What kinds of comfort does God give Christians that are not available to non-Christians (2 Cor. 1:4-7, James 1:2-4)?
6. Why is it so vital for us to learn to embrace divine discomfort (2 Cor. 1:8-10)?
7. Read 1 John 2:15-17. How would you explain the impossibility of loving God and the world at the same time? (John has already said that we will sin so this is not about perfection).
8. What encouraging truths concerning authentic comfort (God's comfort) are found in 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, Romans 8:1-19, and 1 Corinthians 2:9.