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Help Others
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- ✓ Separated by what they _____
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Key Statement: _____ who are experiencing your same struggle.

Isaiah 58:10-11 If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then **your light** will rise **in the darkness**, and **your night** will become like the **noontday**. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a **well-watered garden**, like a **spring** whose waters never fail.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (MSG) All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! **He comes alongside us** when we go through hard times, and before you know it, **he brings us alongside someone else** who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too. When we suffer for Jesus, it works out for your healing and salvation. If we are treated well, given a helping hand and encouraging

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word, that also works to your benefit, spurring you on, face forward, unflinching. Your hard times are also our hard times. When we see that you're just as willing to endure the hard times as to enjoy the good times, **we know you're going to make it**, no doubt about it.

Proverbs 11:25 ...those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

How to help others:

1. Offer them _____.

Luke 23:43 (NKJV) "Assuredly, I say to you..."

Psalms 40:1-2 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He **lifted me out** of the pit of despair, out of the **mud** and the **mire**. He set my feet on **solid ground** and steadied me as I walked along.

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Luke 23:43 (NKJV) "...today you will be with Me..."

Ecclesiastes 4:12 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.

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John 14:1-2 "Do not let your **hearts be troubled**. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."

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