

DON'T WORRY,
BE HAPPY!



God is the source of all comfort.

Jesus is the way to all comfort.

We are participants in comfort.

Suffering is the place of comfort.

Prayer is a means to comfort.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so

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through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you

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will also share in our comfort.

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely

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not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL COMFORT

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JESUS IS THE WAY TO ALL COMFORT

"For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort, too."

GOD CAME IN THE FORM OF A BABY, JESUS CHRIST

Christ humbled Himself and become obedient
to death – even death on a cross. *(Phil. 2:8)*

HEBREWS 2:14-15

"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."

WE ARE PARTICIPANTS IN COMFORT

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Being brought through suffering, we are able to walk with others to comfort them.

To those who don't know God: Let those here help you turn to God.

To those who know God: Let those here help you continue to trust in God.

SUFFERING IS THE PLACE OF COMFORT

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When gifts fade, so does comfort.

But when we realize that God, the Giver of Comfort, does not change, our comfort does not change.

Through Christ, we are never separated from the Giver of Comfort.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON...

1. Share your suffering (don't run from it).
2. Encourage others in their suffering.
3. Walk with others in their suffering.
4. Pray with others in their suffering.