

Thrill Of Hope
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Romans 15:13

“May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in Him.”

*“God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
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TEXT:

2Cor. 1:3,4 The Passion

All praises belong to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he is the Father of tender mercy and the God of endless comfort.

⁴He always comes alongside us to comfort us in every suffering so that we can come alongside those who are in any painful trial. We can bring them this same comfort that God has poured out upon us.

1. Seek the God of all Comfort

Masking the pain never eradicates the pain.

Why doesn't the Bible direct us to comfort ourselves?

Key Thought: Whatever saves you ultimately enslaves you.

Except for God his salvation leads us to true freedom.

2. Expand your comforter zone

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Key Thought: God doesn't comfort us so we can be comfortable, but so that we could comfort others.

You only step into your calling when you step out of your comfort zone.

3. Remember God's Presence is With Me

The older I get the more I realize how much of my life is out of my control. The truth is, not only can I not control much of what's in the future, I don't even know much of what's in the future.

Isaiah 41:10 The Message

¹⁰ Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.

Psalm 32:8 NLT

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

Lam. 3:19-25 NLT

The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words.

²⁰ I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. ²¹ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:

²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.

²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

4. God is Working His Process Through Me

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them

"...God causes..."

"...*all things*..."

"...*to work together for good.*"

Prayer for this month:

Father, I pray that today I would be a person who seeks You out, and seeks out people who are hurting to step beyond my comfort zone.