



*God's Presence is Sufficient  
to Change Everything*

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says your God.

<sup>9</sup> O Zion, messenger of good news,  
shout from the mountaintops!

Shout it louder, O Jerusalem.

Shout, and do not be afraid.

Tell the towns of Judah,  
“Your God is coming!”



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He will rule with a powerful arm.

See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

He will carry the lambs in his arms,

holding them close to his heart.

He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young.

## James 2:14-17 THE MESSAGE

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

# *The Presence of the Lord*

Isaiah's declaration: the Lord's mere presence  
is sufficient to change everything!





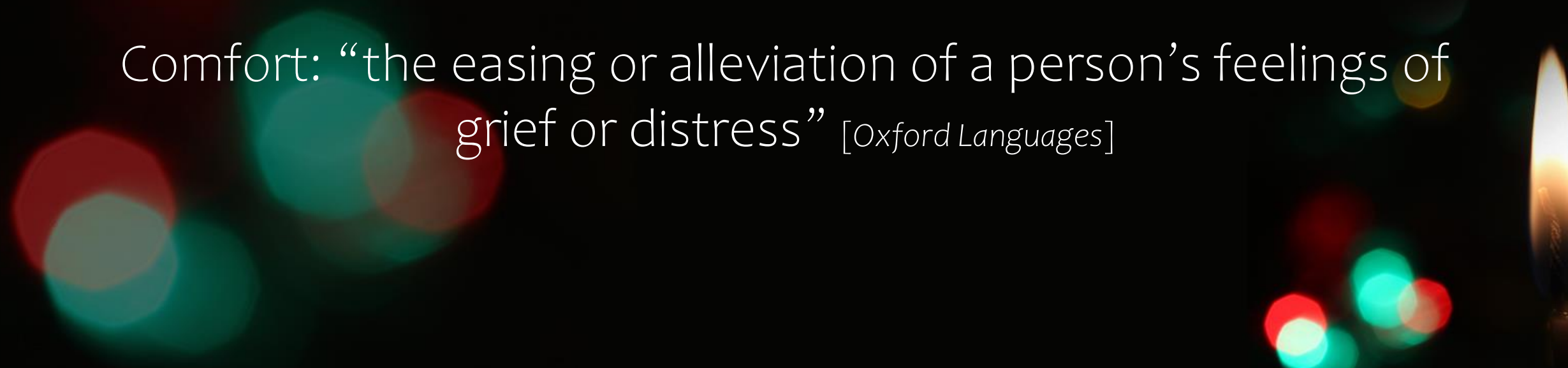
# Comfort



God doesn't offer us a commodity called comfort—  
He is comfort itself

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Comfort: “the easing or alleviation of a person’s feelings of  
grief or distress” *[Oxford Languages]*



# *1 Corinthians 2:4-5* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



# *1 Thessalonians 1:5* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.







# *Finding Jesus through Immanuel Prayer*

One of the main aspects of Immanuel Prayer is encountering Jesus in the unresolved, painful memories of our past, as well as in our everyday, walking around, ordinary life. Immanuel means “God with us.” That is God’s nature—with us. As one author states: “God does not know how to be absent. He has always been with us, is with us, and always will be with us.”



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Immanuel Prayer is a way to encounter Him in the course of our daily life. We can stop anytime we desire, quiet our hearts, and connect with Him. He is ever-present and loves to interact with us. Immanuel Prayer is a lifestyle of living intimately connected to Jesus.

—Danny Mullins

# *A Very Deep Well*

“We drove up here Thursday and I sensed something here which I have not sensed in North America. Now that might sound dramatic. But it’s true. What you folks have done here is, you’ve dug a very deep well. God supplies the groundwater of his Holy Spirit, the living water, but he doesn’t dig wells.



# *A Very Deep Well*

“Digging wells takes time and cultivation. And you guys have been digging deeper and deeper and deeper. And repairing the walls of the well. And you have a very deep well in this place, spiritually speaking. Invite people here. You might be surprised what happens to them.”

—Pastor Dave Housholder, February 4, 2018

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