

**GOD'S PROMISE OF COMFORT**  
**#SermonComfort**  
**God's Promises When I'm Hurting - Part 4**  
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**Matthew 5:4** God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (NLT)

**2 Corinthians 7:6a** God comforts those who are troubled... (ICB)

**Jeremiah 8:18** God, you are my comfort when I am very sad and when I am afraid. (NCV)

**How God Comforts Us**

**1. BY GETTING NEAR TO US**

**Psalm 34:18** The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed. (NCV)

**Isaiah 66:13a** As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you... (NIV)

**Hebrews 13:5b** ...For God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." (TEV)

**2 Corinthians 6:10a** Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord... (LB)

**2. BY GRIEVING WITH US**

**2 Corinthians 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. (NIV)

**Isaiah 61:2a** GOD sent me to... comfort all who mourn... (MSG)

**John 11:33-36** When Jesus saw that Mary and the people with her were crying, he was terribly upset...<sup>35</sup> Jesus started crying,<sup>36</sup> and the people said, "See how much he loved Lazarus." (CEV)

**John 14:16-17** I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you.<sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth... (LB)

**Romans 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (NKJV)

### 3. BY GIVING US A CHURCH FAMILY

**2 Corinthians 1:4** God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** So comfort each other and give each other strength... (ICB)

**2 Corinthians 7:6b-7a** ...And God comforted us when Titus came. <sup>7</sup> We were comforted by his coming and also by the comfort that you gave him... (ICB)

### 4. BY GUARANTEEING THE HOPE OF HEAVEN

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be ignorant about those who have died. We don't want you to grieve like other people who have no hope. (GW)

**1 Thessalonians 4:14** For since we believe that Jesus died and then came back to life again, we can also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him all the Christians who have died. (LB)

**2 Timothy 2:11** I am comforted by this truth, that when we suffer and die for Christ it only means that we will begin living with him in heaven. (LB)