

## How Does God Comfort Us?

God comforts us through...

### GRACE

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.” 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

### JESUS' WORDS

“But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.’”  
Luke 16:25 NLT

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”  
Luke 23:43 ESV

### PREACHING

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2 NIV

encourage = comfort = urge = exhort

### HOLY SPIRIT

“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...”  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4a MSG

### ONE ANOTHER

“... 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.” 2 Corinthians 1:4b MSG

“Comfort one another.” 2 Corinthians 13:11 ESV



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- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 The Message

### *Meditations During Our Loss*

God promises comfort - HIS VERY PRESENCE - in the valley!

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”  
Psalm 23:4 ESV

God Himself is THE COMFORTER.

The Greek word for comfort (and encouragement) is παρακαλέω.

The Greek word / name for the Holy Spirit is παράκλητος (John 14:16; 16:7)

“And I will pray to the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.” John 14:16 KJV

“Walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, [the church] multiplied.” Acts 9:31 ESV