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Comfort Others

There is no doubt about it. **There is no doubt about what?** This world is a sin-filled and broken place. This world is not as you intended it to be. **How so?** You did not intend that this world would be filled with pain and suffering and sickness and death. It was not your plan that we would live with grief and loss and separation. It was not your desire that we would live bruised and battered and broken lives. **No, you are correct. This world is nothing like I created it to be. When sin came into this world everything that I made was corrupted and no longer functions according to my original design and plan.** That's too bad. **Yes, it is.**

There is no doubt about it. **There is no doubt about what?** You are the God of all comfort. All my pain and suffering and bruising and brokenness and grief and loss has drawn me to you. You have drawn near to me as I have drawn near to you. You are close to the broken hearted. You have never failed to meet with me in my pain and suffering and brokenness. You have healed my hurts. You have bandaged my brokenness. You lifted me up out of the muck and mire of depression, grief and loss. You have been with me to comfort me. You have led me when I have lost direction. You have revived and strengthened me when I have thought that I could go no further. You have continued to lead me to where you wanted me to go. You have kept giving me what you have wanted me to do. You have kept me moving forward with you on the path of life. **Yes, I have comforted you. Yes, I will never leave or forsake you. Yes, I will always be with you to help you.**

There is no doubt it. **There is no doubt about what?** You have not comforted me for only my comfort. You have comforted me so that I would be able to comfort others. You want me to become like you. **How so?** You want me to be kind and loving and compassionate. You want me to draw near to the broken hearted. You want me to comfort others just as you have comforted me. **That's right. Will you comfort others with the comfort you have received from me?** Yes, I will. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, I know this world is a broken place. I will experience pain and suffering in this life. Thank you that pain and suffering have drawn me to you. In prayer, I have received all your comfort. Thank you for using me to comfort others with your comfort. Amen

Prayer *God Of All Comfort*

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NIV 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *Source Of All Comfort*

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He 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. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

NLT 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *God Of All Consolation*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

NRSV 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *Source Of Every Comfort*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [Who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement). Who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God. For just as Christ's [own] sufferings fall to our lot [as they overflow upon His disciples, and we share and experience them] abundantly, so through Christ comfort (consolation and encouragement) is also [shared and experienced] abundantly by us.

AMP 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *God Of All Comfort*

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 will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

NASB 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *God Of All Comfort*

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 through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

ESV 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *God Of All Comfort*

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 tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

NKJV 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *God Of All Healing Counsel*

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, 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. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too.

MSG 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *The One Who So Wonderfully Comforts*

What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we undergo sufferings for Christ, the more he will shower us with his comfort and encouragement.

TLB 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer *Full Of Mercy And All Comfort*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ. In the same way, much comfort comes to us through Christ.

NCV 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

God Of All Comfort

Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

In Context: *Read 2 Corinthians 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Heavenly Father, I know this world is a broken place. I will experience pain and suffering in this life. Thank you that pain and suffering have drawn me to you. In prayer, I have received all your comfort. Thank you for using me to comfort others with your comfort. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why can you be sure that you will need comfort from your Heavenly Father as you live this life?

What kind of suffering have you experienced simply because you are a follower of Jesus Christ?

When have you desperately needed to receive comfort from your Heavenly Father?

How have you received comfort from your Heavenly Father as you have met with Him in prayer?

How has your Heavenly Father changed your heart and made you compassionate toward others?

How have you been able to comfort others with the comfort you have received from Your Heavenly Father?

How has your need for comfort from your Heavenly Father drawn you to pray to Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Meet in prayer with your Heavenly Father so that you can receive the comfort that He has for you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that you will be able to comfort others with the comfort you have received from your Heavenly Father.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Heavenly Father has comforted you as you have prayed to Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you meet in prayer with your Heavenly Father so you can receive comfort from Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will meet with you in prayer so I can receive comfort from you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how will you comfort me as I meet with you in prayer today?
