



What you **believe** about God will determine how you **interact** with God.

■ God is **present** in our **pain**.

18 If your heart is broken, you'll find GOD right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath. Psalm 34:18 (MSG)

3 ...God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3 (NLT)

13 As a mother comforts her child, so I'll comfort you. ..." Isaiah 66:13 (MSG)

Definition of Comfort:

Coming to one's aid to provide for; as in help and encouragement.

God's Comfort:

■ Gives us **perspective** we need.

17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

Perspective reminds us that...

□ God is **with us**.

18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

□ God is **aware** of what we're going through.

27 ...you keep close watch on all my paths. Job 13:27 (NIV)

□ God **cares** about you.

7 The LORD is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him. Nahum 1:7 (NLT)

7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

□ God wants to **help**.

10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

God's Comfort:

■ Comes through His **Resources**.

□ God's **Word**.

25 I am completely discouraged... Revive me by your Word. Psalm 119:25 (TLB)

52 ... your Word has been my comfort. Psalm 119:52 (TLB)

□ God's **People**.

3 ...God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 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. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)

□ God's **Spirit**.

26 But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me —and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you. 27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:26-27 (TLB)

11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11 (NLT)

God's Comfort:

■ Expresses **His love** for us.

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and hope, which we don't deserve,

17 comfort your hearts with all comfort, and help you in every good thing you say and do. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (TLB)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What's one point from the talk that really stood out to you?
- What is one scripture that spoke to you?
- Read Isaiah 66:13, what does that scripture say to you personally?
- How would you define God's comfort to someone going through a difficult time?
- When do you feel you need God's comfort most?
- Do you think a new perspective is important to have during difficult times? Explain.
- Discuss the points under - "Perspective reminds us that."; How do these provide comfort for you?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; what does that say to you?
- Do you find it difficult to believe that God wants to help you personally?
- Have you ever been in difficult times and found comfort from God's word? Tell about it if you can.
- How do God's people provide comfort? Are you able to receive comfort from people?
- How does God's spirit provide comfort for us?
- Do you look for people to extend comfort to?
- Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; How are you comforting others with the comfort God has given you?

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