

The God of All Comfort

A good definition of comfort is compassion; concern for the sufferings and misfortunes of others. Is God concerned when I am suffering? Yes!

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **compassion** and the God of all **comfort**, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)*

1. Father of Comfort = Father of **M**_____. We deserve punishment but He shows us compassion.
2. God of Compassion = He walks **A**_____ with you.
 - A. God is the Father of Compassion (the Source or Originator)
 - B. He Comforts us in **T**_____ (By coming alongside to bear our burden)
 - C. He comforts us in order that we can comfort **O**_____.

I. Does God even care when I hurt? YES. How do we know?

- A. God is the **F**_____.
 - i. There is no pain in my life that God has not **D**_____.
*You keep track of **all** my sorrows. You have **collected** all my tears in your bottle. You have **recorded** each one in your book. – Psalm 56:8 (NLT)*

People say, "I feel Your Pain." Usually this is a manipulative lie. God not only comes alongside us to experience our pain with us, but he actually documents it.

- ii. There is no pain in my life God has not already **E**_____.
*So then, since we have a great **High Priest** who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours **understands our weaknesses**, for he faced **all** of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. - Hebrews 4:14-15 (NLT)*

For Example:

- a. What has Jesus experienced?
 1. **L**_____.
About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). – Matthew 27:46 (NIV)

2. Thirst and **H**_____.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. – Matthew 4:11 (NIV)

3. Physical **P**_____ & Public Humiliation

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. – Psalm 22:16-18

4. Personal **B**_____ and disappointment from friends.

³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ... ⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter... ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” – Matthew 26: 38, 40, 45-46

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him,⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” – Luke 22:47-48

5. Psychological **A**_____.

And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. – Luke 2:44 (NKJV)

God is a Merciful and Compassionate Father who wants to comfort us in our affliction.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him – Psalm 103:13

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. – Hebrews 4:16

Answers:

1. Mercy; 2. Alongside; A. Trouble; C. Others

A. Father of Compassion; i. Documented; ii. Experienced

a.) Loneliness, hunger, pain, betrayal, anxiety