God of Al Comfort 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, 11 as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Benefits of Suffering

1. That we would experience the comfort that comes from God (v. 4a)

He is the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Psalm 145 God is...

- Gracious
- Compassionate
- Good
- Mighty

- Faithful
- Loving
- Righteous
- Near

"Troubles"

an oppressive state of physical, mental, social, or economic adversity

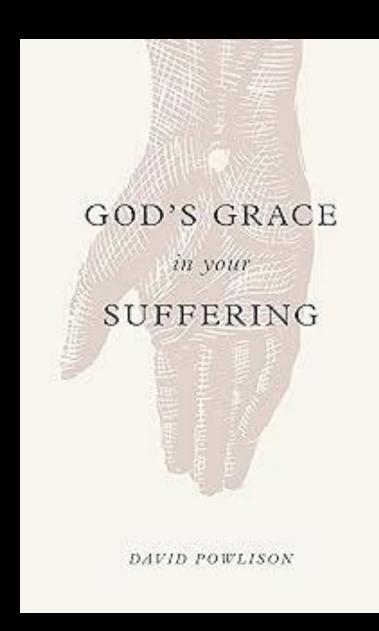
How does God comfort us? 1. Always through the Holy Spirit

"All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

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- 5. Sometimes supernaturally

2. That we would be equipped to comfort others (v. 4b)

3. That we develop "patient endurance" (v. 6)

4. That we would learn NOT to rely on ourselves (v. 9)

5. That we would learn to hope in God (v. 10)

6. That we would learn to pray for those who are in troubles (v. 11)

Conclusion