

Character Profile: My God Comforts.

The Bible Proclaims and Displays that God Comforts.

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:26-27 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

2 Cor. 1:3-4 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 Thess. 2:16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

1. Look for key/ repeating words in these verses. Do you see any themes or common ideas?
2. In Psalm 23:4, David says to God, "Thy rod and they staff they comfort me." Discuss how the Great Shepherd's **rod** and **staff** comfort us.
3. In John 14, List ways that the Holy Spirit comforts us.
4. How can the "things that were written aforetime" in Romans 15:4 comfort us and give us hope?
5. What do these verses teach us about who God is? What about God's heart is revealed?
6. How do we tend to think incorrectly about God in this area?

How should we apply the truth that God Comforts?

*Read the verses from the previous page to help you apply truth to your life.

1. Because God comforts, what should our response(s) be? How can we allow God to comfort?
2. What do we need to "put off" in our lives?
3. How do we need to "renew our mind" (change the way we think) because of today's verses?
4. What do we need to "put on" in our lives because God forgives?
5. **Pray specifically for each other.** As you go around your circle, specifically pray that the person to your right will rely on the Holy Spirit to comfort them (john 14) in times of uncertainty and suffering and specifically pray that the person on your left would instinctively run to God's word for comfort and hope (Romans 15:4).