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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 189

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His comforting love**. **2 Cor. 1:3-4** *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.*

The Greek word for *comfort* is **parakleseos** which means *to encourage, exhort, console or stand beside*. The Father of compassion is the God of all comfort. This word is synonymous with the name of the Holy Spirit; our paraclete, our Comforter. The one Who walks along beside us and shows us God's compassion, love and direction. There is great comfort in knowing that He is always with us, walking beside us and caring for us. **Isa. 40:1-2** *“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.”* God says that “her warfare is ended,” and believers, one day our struggles will be over. Victory is coming! That's comfort. And by the grace of God, by the Cross of Jesus Christ, all of our sins have been pardoned! That's comfort!

God desires for you to have His comfort. This year may have had many ups and downs for you or your family. Certainly there have been some struggles for us all. Just know this, God wants to give you comfort in the midst of the storms of life. And, not only does He desire to give you His comfort, but He also wants us to comfort others. People all around us need the comfort of God. Will you commit to taking the comfort of the Lord to someone this season? Ask God to show you someone that you could comfort with the love of Christ.

Dear Father, help us to take this time to look for someone who needs to be comforted. Please show us someone who needs Your touch and Your love. And then help us to be obedient to Your leading. In Jesus Name, Amen