

Where Is God When Life Gets Tough?
God's Purpose in Suffering #6—Comfort His Children
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Stories of comfort in suffering...

Everything we receive from God—our abilities and skills, our material blessings, *even God's comfort in our suffering*—is a gift to be shared with others.

Background: Paul's personal suffering—2 Corinthians 1:8-11

GOD's Story— God's Purpose in Suffering #6: Comfort His Children
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

- Father of compassion, God of all comfort (vs. 3)
- He comforts us; we comfort others. (vs. 4)
- As we suffer, so are we comforted. (vs. 5)
- As we are comforted, so we comfort others. (vs. 6a)
- Comfort enables us to patiently endure our mutual suffering. (vs. 6b)
- We have hope—we know those who suffer like us will also be comforted like us. (vs. 7)

A Story of Suffering, Compassion & Comfort—The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

What have you suffered?

How have you been comforted?

Who has also suffered and now needs your comfort?

Big Idea:

Our Creator is the Father of Compassion,
The God of all Comfort.
As we suffer, so are we comforted.
As we are comforted, so we comfort others.
As we are comforted, so are we able to endure our suffering.

Right On!

(OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:49-52, 65-68, 71-72, 75-77)