

The God of All Comfort

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I. Introduction. Text: II Corinthians 1.

II. That God is the God of all comfort reveals His nature.

A. God cares for us in the midst of all of our difficulties.

B. A comfort is an aid and encourager in the midst of trials—God says, yes, you can. (Psalm 23, Isaiah 40, 49:3, 51:12, 2:9, 66:13, 61)

C. It is God's nature to comfort us—He sends the Spirit to comfort. (John 15-16)

D. If a person does not see God as a God of comfort, he will miss it. (II Corinthians 11)

E. Jesus will never put a person down.

III. God sends affliction so that a person can understand His power, so the Psalmist could thank God for afflictions. (Psalm 119:71)

IV. God comforts us in intense, crushing, inescapable pressure.

A. God is enough.

B. People commit suicide because they do not believe that He is enough.

V. God's intent is to make believers comfort carriers by means of allowing them to experience trial.

A. Many people are too self-centered—they are merely concerned about their own well-being.

B. Trial enables a person to help another.

C. God will often end our trials when we have determined to be a comfort carrier for someone else.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to know that God is a God of comfort? Why is this so difficult to believe sometimes?

2. How has God comforted you or someone you know in the midst of trial?

3. How does trial often help us get our focus off ourselves?
