

# pinwheels

**"The God of All Comfort"**

Message Series

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Each of us experience moments and feelings of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Our natural response to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is to  
try to \_\_\_\_\_ it from our lives as quickly as possible.

In our cultural context, we often expect an instant \_\_\_\_\_ or an  
instant \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR COMFORT WHEN LIFE HURTS?

- Some people turn \_\_\_\_\_.

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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. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 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. 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. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, 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.

2 Corinthians 1v3-11 TNIV

God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of ALL \_\_\_\_\_!

- God is the "father" of compassion.
- v3 God is the one who comforts us in all our troubles
- v3 Jesus promised his disciples His "comforting presence" forever. (John 14v16-18)

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN "TO BE COMFORTED"?

Greek for comfort: paraclete: "one who comes alongside of" English for comfort: two Latin words: "com" -in association with "fortis" - to strengthen

God's comfort is not always about making you feel \_\_\_\_\_,  
but about making you feel \_\_\_\_\_.

God's comfort is not something you \_\_\_\_\_, but  
something that \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- God's comfort comes alongside you through \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's comfort comes alongside and inside you via the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's comfort comes alongside you in order that you may come alongside others and extend \_\_\_\_\_ to them.