

# WORD BASICS

## COMFORT

### 1. THE LORD WILL HELP & COMFORT YOU:

#### A. HIS PROMISES OF COMFORT:

Psa.71:21	Thou shalt...comfort me on every side
Psa.86:17	Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, & comforted me
Psa.91:15	I will be <u>with</u> him in trouble; I will deliver him
Psa.116:6	I was brought low, & He helped me
Psa.138:7a	Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me
Isa.42:6	I the Lord...will hold thine hand, & will keep thee
Isa.43:2	When thou passest through waters, I will be <u>with</u> thee
Isa.49:13	The Lord hath comforted His people, & will have mercy upon His afflicted
Isa.51:12,13	I, even I, am He that comforteth you
Isa.66:13	As one his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you
Jn.14:18	I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you
Jn.14:1-3	Let not your heart be troubled: believe...in Me
2Cor.1:3	Blessed be God...the Father of mercies, & the God of all comfort
2Cor.7:6	God...comforteth those that are cast down
2Thes.2:16,17	Our Lord Jesus Christ...which hath loved us, & given us everlasting consolation...comfort your hearts (See also Psa.103:6; Phi.2:1,2.)

#### B. THE LORD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU TO COMFORT YOU:

Psa.121:4	He that keepeth [thee] shall neither slumber nor sleep
2Cor.1:4	(He) comforteth us in <u>all</u> our tribulation

#### C. THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE "COMFORTER", WILL COMFORT YOU:

Jn.14:26	The Comforter...is the Holy Ghost
Jn.15:26	The Comforter...Whom I will send unto you from (God)
Jn.14:16,17	(God) shall give you a Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit...shall be <u>in</u> you
Acts 9:31	Then had the churches rest...in the comfort of the Holy Ghost

### 2. HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S COMFORT:

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#### A. PRAY & ASK FOR HIS HELP:

2Chr.15:4	When they in their trouble...sought (God), He was found of them
Psa.34:17	The righteous cry, & the Lord heareth, & delivereth them out of all their troubles
Psa.86:7	In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me
Psa.119:76	Let, I pray, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort
Psa.145:18,19	The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him
Phi.4:6,7	By prayer...let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God...shall keep your hearts
Heb.4:16	Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, & find grace to help in time of need

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#### B. EXAMPLES OF KING DAVID'S PRAYERS SEEKING COMFORT:

(See Psa.31:9-12; 38:9; 51:all; 69:1,2; 102:1-7.)

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#### C. READ & MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD:

Psa.119:50	This is my <u>comfort</u> in my affliction: for Thy <u>Word</u> hath quickened me
Rom.15:4	(Word) written...that we through patience & comfort of the Scriptures might have hope

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#### D. STAY OBEDIENT & CLOSE TO HIM:

Jn.8:29	The Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him
Psa.103:17,18	The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him

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#### E. CONTINUE TRUSTING & HAVE PATIENCE:

Gen.28:15	[God tells Jacob:] I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of
Psa.42:3-11	Why art thou cast down, O my soul? <u>Hope</u> thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him
Psa.119:81-83	I hope in Thy Word. When wilt Thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke
Heb.10:35,36a	Cast not away...your confidence...ye have need of patience, that, after...ye might receive the promise

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#### F. REMIND YOURSELF OF GOD'S PAST MIRACLES & MERCIES:

Psa.77:1-12	My spirit was over whelmed... <u>This</u> is my infirmity: <u>but</u> I will <u>remember</u> the works of the Lord
Psa.119:52	I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord; & have comforted myself

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#### G. ENCOURAGE & REMIND YOURSELF OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS:

1Sam.30:6	David was greatly distressed...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God
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#### H. REMEMBER, GOD WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU...

Isa.49:14,15,16 [They] said, The Lord hath forsaken me, & forgotten me. Yet will I not forget thee  
Psa.31:22 I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes: [but] Thou heardest...when I  
cried unto Thee  
Psa.9:9,10 They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou hast not forsaken them  
that seek Thee  
Mat.28:20b I am with you always, even unto the end of the world  
2Tim.2:13 [Even] if we believe not, yet He abideth faithful  
Heb.13:5 I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee  
(See also Isa.54:10)

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#### I. ...UNLESS YOU GRIEVOUSLY REBEL & FORSAKE HIM:

2Chr.15:2 The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him...but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you  
(1Chr.28:9)

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#### J. EVEN THEN, HE WILL NOT PERMANENTLY FORSAKE YOU:

Isa.54:7,8 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee

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#### K. TRUST & COMPLETELY COMMIT YOURSELF INTO HIS HANDS:

Rom.8:28 All things work...for good to them that love God  
1Pet.4:19 Let them that suffer...commit the keeping of their souls to Him...as unto a faithful  
Creator

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#### L. HE WILL KEEP YOU:

2Tim.1:12b (I) am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him  
Psa.23:4 Thy rod & Thy staff they comfort [& protect] me  
Psa.37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him  
Psa.55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, & He shall sustain thee  
Psa.138:8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me  
Phi.1:6 He which hath begun a good work in you will perform (complete) it until the day of  
Jesus Christ  
1Thes.5:24 Faithful is He that calleth you, Who...will do it  
1Pet.5:7 Casting all your care on Him; for He careth for you

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### 3. GOD LOVES YOU & CARES FOR YOU:

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#### A. HE KNOWS EVERY TEAR YOU'VE SHED:

2Ki.20:5 I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears  
Psa.56:8 Put my tears in Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book? (See also Mk.9:24)

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#### B. HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING:

Exo.3:7	I have seen the affliction of My people...& have heard their cry...I know their sorrows
Psa.103:13,14	The Lord pitieth (us)...for He knoweth our frame
Isa.53:4	He hath borne our griefs, & carried our sorrows
Isa.63:9	In all their affliction He was afflicted
Heb.4:15	Touched with the feeling of our infirmities...(He) was in all points tempted like as we are

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#### C. THOUGH HE CHASTISES US, HE LOVES & COMFORTS:

Psa.30:5	His anger endureth but a moment...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning
Psa.71:20	Thou, which hast showed me great & sore troubles, shalt quicken (make alive) me again
Psa.103:9	He will not always chide; neither...keep His anger forever
Isa.12:1	Though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, & Thou comfortedst me
Lam.3:31-33	Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion (See also Hos.6:1-3)

#### 4. GOD'S LOVING HANDS UPHOLD YOU:

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##### A. HIS HANDS ARE ALWAYS THERE, SUPPORTING YOU:

Deut.33:27	Underneath are the everlasting arms
Psa.145:14	The Lord upholdeth all that fall, & raiseth up all those that be bowed down
Psa.37:17	The Lord upholdeth the righteous
Psa.37:24	Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand
Isa.41:10	I am with thee: be not dismayed; I will uphold thee with (My) right hand
Isa.63:9	In His love & pity He...bare them, & carried them

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##### B. ...EVEN IN DISTANT LANDS & LONESOME SITUATIONS:

Psa.139:8b	If I make my bed in <u>hell</u> , behold, Thou art <u>there</u>
Psa.139:9-12	If I...dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand...hold me
Mat.28:20b	I am with you always, even unto the end of the world

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#### 5. IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE IN THE DARK, TRUST IN GOD FOR LIGHT:

Isa.50:10           Who is among you...that walketh in darkness, & hath no light? let him trust in the  
Isa.42:16           I will make darkness light before them, &...not forsake them  
Psa.18:28          The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness  
Psa.112:4          Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, & full of  
                          compassion  
Mic.7:8b           When I sit in darkness, Lord shall be a light unto me  
                          (See also Isa.58:10,11)

## 6. LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE:

### A. YOU'RE BLESSED, SO BE JOYFUL & HAPPY:

Mat.5:10-12       Blessed are ye, when men shall revile & persecute you. Rejoice & be exceeding glad  
Jn.16:33           In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the  
                          world  
2Cor.7:4b          I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation  
Phi.4:4            Rejoice in the Lord alway: & again I say, Rejoice  
1Pet.4:12,13       Rejoice...ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings

### B. HAPPY DAYS WILL COME AGAIN:

Isa.51:11,12a      The redeemed of the Lord shall...obtain gladness & joy; & sorrow & mourning shall flee  
                          away  
1Thes.4:15-18     [Jesus will soon come to take us to Heaven] Comfort one another with these words (See  
                          also 5:10,11)  
(See also Isa.40:2; 52:9; 57:16-18; Jer.31:12-14; Zech.1:12-17.)

### C. SORROW WILL SOON BE GONE:

Job 11:16          Thou shalt forget thy misery, & remember it as waters that pass away  
Psa.30:5           Weeping may endure a night, but joy cometh in morning  
Psa.30:11          Thou put off my sackcloth, & girded me with gladness  
Isa.49:13          Sing...be joyful...break forth into singing: for the Lord hath comforted His  
                          people...His afflicted  
Isa.54:11          O thou afflicted...& not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours

### D. THINK ABOUT & BE THANKFUL FOR HIS COMFORTS:

Psa.94:19          In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul

### E. WE ARE BLESSED; MOST UNSAVED PEOPLE HAVE NO COMFORTER:

Ecl.4:1            Behold the tears of such as were oppressed, & they had no comforter

## 7. WHY & HOW TO COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:

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### A. SOMETIMES YOU NEED THE HELP OF OTHERS:

- Jer.8:18            When I would comfort myself...my heart is faint  
2Cor.2:7            Ye ought...to comfort him, lest (he) be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow  
                          (See also Eccl.4:9,10,12)
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### B. WE SHOULD COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:

- Gen.37:34,35a    And all his (Jacob's) sons & daughters rose up to comfort him (See also 1Chr.7:22; Job 2:11.)  
Isa.40:1            Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God  
Isa.61:1,2         The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He hath sent me to bind up the  
                          brokenhearted...comfort all that mourn  
Isa.61:3            Give unto them beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for  
                          spirit of heaviness  
1Cor.12:25        In the body...the members should have the same care one for another  
2Cor.2:8           I beseech you that ye confirm your love toward him  
2Cor.7:6           God...comforted us by the coming of Titus [a fellowlabourer] (See also Eph.6:22;  
                          Col.4:7,8; 1Thes.3:2.)  
2Cor.7:13         We were comforted...(Titus') spirit was refreshed by you  
Gal.6:2            Bear ye one another's burdens, & so fulfill the law of Christ  
Col.2:2            Hearts...comforted, being knit together in love  
Col.4:11          My fellow-workers...which have been a comfort unto me  
1Thes.5:11        Comfort yourselves together, & edify one another  
1Thes.5:14        Comfort the feebleminded (fainthearted, timid)
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### C. HOW TO COMFORT OTHERS:

- Gen.50:21b        (Joseph) comforted them, & spake kindly unto them  
Ruth 2:13          Thou hast comforted me...thou hast spoken (kindly)  
Pro.17:22a        A merry heart doeth good like a medicine  
Pro.27:9           Ointment & perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by  
                          hearty counsel  
1Thes.2:11        We...comforted...you, as a father doth his children  
Rom.12:15b        Weep with them that weep
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### D. USE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES TO COMFORT THEM:

- 2Cor.1:4           That we may be able to comfort (others) in trouble, by the comfort wherewith we

are comforted of God  
Psa.66:12,16 I will declare what He hath done for my soul

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#### E. THE COMFORTING, CONSOLING POWER OF INSPIRED MUSIC:

Psa.32:7 Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance  
Psa.42:5-8 My soul is cast down within me...yet...in the night His song shall be with me  
1Sam.16:14-16 An evil spirit...troubleth thee. [A musician] shall play... & thou shalt be well (See also vs.23)  
Pro.25:20 [Caution: Make sure you sing fitting songs]

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#### F. ENCOURAGING WORDS OF PROPHECY ARE A COMFORT:

1Cor.14:3 He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to...comfort

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#### G. WHEN WORDS FAIL, JUST BEING THERE IS A HELP:

Job 2:13 They sat down with him...& none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great  
Col.2:2 Hearts...comforted, being knit together in love

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#### H. MAKE SURE YOU ARE COMFORTING, NOT CONDEMNING:

Job 16:2-5 Miserable comforters are ye all. [Job said if they were in his place, he would have comforted them]

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### 8. WHEN ABANDONED, SUFFERING HEARTBREAK OR LOSS:

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#### A. EVEN WHEN ALL OTHERS LEAVE YOU, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE THE LORD:

2Tim.4:16,17 All men forsook me...notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, & strengthened me  
Psa.27:10 When father & mother forsake me, Lord will take me up  
Psa.34:22 None of them that trust in Him shall be desolate  
Psa.142:4,5 Refuge failed me; No man cared for my soul. Thou art my refuge & my portion in the land of the living  
Isa.54:1,5,6 The Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken & grieved in spirit...when thou wast refused  
Isa.54:10 The mountains shall depart...but My kindness shall not depart from thee  
Heb.13:5 He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee

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#### B. HIS SPECIAL CARE FOR THE BROKENHEARTED:

Psa.34:18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart  
Psa.51:17 A broken & a contrite heart...Thou wilt not despise

Psa.61:2           When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I  
Psa.147:3          He healeth the broken in heart, & bindeth up their wounds  
Ezk.34:16          I...will bind up that which was broken  
Isa.61:1           He hath sent Me (Jesus) to bind up the brokenhearted  
Lk.4:18            He hath sent Me (Jesus) to heal the brokenhearted  
                    (See also Isa.57:15)

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#### C. WHEN SUFFERING BEREAVEMENT OVER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE:

2Sam.12:15-23    [When David's sick child died, he stopped fasting & weeping, saying:] I shall go to  
                    him [in Heaven]  
1Cor.15:17-21    Jesus is raised from the dead, therefore our loved ones also live, & we are not to be  
                    miserable]  
1Thes.4:13        Concerning them which are asleep (departed)...sorrow not, as others which have no  
                    hope  
1Thes.4:14-18    The dead in Christ shall rise...we shall be...with them... comfort one another with these  
                    words

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#### D. IT IS MUCH BETTER FOR THEM TO BE WITH THE LORD:

2Cor.5:8          We are...willing rather to be absent from the body, & to be present with the Lord  
Phi.1:23          Desire to depart...to be with Christ...is far better  
Rev.7:16,17       [The happiness of our departed loved ones in Heaven]

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#### E. WHEN SUFFERING REMORSE OVER MISTAKES OR SINS:

(See Psa.31:9-24; 38:1-22; 51:all; Lam.1:20a; Lk.18:13,14; 2Cor.2:6-8. Also compare Mat.26:69-75 &  
Mk.16:6,7.)

### 9. HEAVENLY CONSOLATION FOR PRESENT SUFFERING & SORROW:

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#### A. COMFORTED BY HEAVENLY REWARDS:

Psa.37:9          Those that wait on the Lord, shall inherit the earth  
Mat.5:4           Blessed are they that mourn...they shall be comforted  
Lk.6:21           Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh  
Lk.12:32          Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom  
                    (See also Mat.25:34)  
Lk.16:19-22a     [The suffering beggar Lazarus] carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom  
Jn.16:20          Ye shall weep & lament...& ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned  
                    into joy  
Rom.8:18          The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory



(Heavenly reward)

2Cor.4:17 Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us...(an) eternal weight of glory

2Cor.1:7 As ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation

2Tim.2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him

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**B. THERE WILL BE NO MORE SORROW OR TEARS IN HEAVEN:**

Isa.25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; & the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces

Rev.21:4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; & there shall be no more...sorrow, nor crying (See also 7:17)

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