

## Jesus Gives Real Comfort

*(Knowing how to take comfort and give it too)*  
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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort** those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Corin 1 ESV)

### I Take Comfort

#### Knowing I’m **known**.

“You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.” (Psalm 139:1-5 NIV)

#### Knowing I’m **valued**.

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; **you are of more value than many sparrows.**” (Luke 12:6-7 ESV)

#### Knowing I’m **loved**.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Blessed are those who mourn**, for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:1-4 NIV)

#### Knowing I’m **free**.

### I Give Comfort

#### When I accept **my acceptance**.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, **just as Christ accepted you**, in order to bring praise to God.” (Romans 15:5-7 NIV)

#### When I gather **to worship**.

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, **if any common sharing in the Spirit**, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.” (Philippians 2:1-2 NIV)

#### When I encourage **the discouraged**.

“For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.” (1 Thes 2:11-13 NIV)

#### When I know **what to say**.

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.” (1 Thes 4:13-14 NLT)