

The God of Comfort

Happy Mother's Day

Wylie United Methodist Church

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2 Cor 1:3-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 6 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. 7 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.

1. GOD IS OUR GREAT COMFORTER

2 Cor 1:3-4

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2. COMFORT IS LINKED WITH SUFFERING

2 Cor 1:5

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John 16:33

[Jesus said] "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 11:35

Jesus wept.

Ps 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

3. CHRIST COMFORTS US SO WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS

2 Cor 1:4-6

4 [God] comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Isa 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me... He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted... 2 ... to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair...