

# Comfort for Our Fearful Hearts

by David Wilkerson

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*God is faithful and caring through every season, and he comforts us in all our tribulation, equipping us to comfort others and grow in maturity.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 2 Corinthians 7:4-5, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7

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## Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that the Christian life is not devoid of challenges, as even the most faithful believers experience difficult days. He highlights the apostle Paul's struggles, illustrating that feelings of fear and discouragement are common, yet Paul found comfort and joy in tribulation. Wilkerson reassures that God is closest to us during our trials, offering comfort and support rather than rebuke. He encourages believers to recognize that their hardships can lead to spiritual maturity and equip them to help others in their struggles. Ultimately, the message is one of hope and reliance on God's unwavering presence in our lives.

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## Transcript

The Christian life is not always a life of clear sailing. Every believer is going to have bad days, no matter how holy he may be. Thankfully, most Christians realize Jesus is present not only when things are going well, but also during difficult times. He is faithful and caring through every season and he is touched by every feeling we endure.

The apostle Paul was hit with a bad day while traveling to Macedonia. "When we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears" (2 Corinthians 7:5). This godly man confessed that his inner man was plagued by many fears.

Paul was not superhuman and was subject to the same human emotions as we face. But he was disciplined and never gave in to his feelings and the temptations that accompanied them. He testified, "I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation" (2 Corinthians 7:4).

Are you going through a bad day, a bad week, a long season of despondency? Are you cast down, discouraged, with thoughts of quitting? If so, do you wonder how God will react to your trial? Will he rebuke you or chasten you? No, never! Paul tells you that the Lord is never closer to you, never more ready to help, than when you are down and hurting.

"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 tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

I believe our bad days are often meant to bring us into maturity. As you continue in your walk with the Lord, you should be more and more aware that you have all the resources needed to deal with the enemy.

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