

Psalm 126:5

*Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!*

Psalm 147:3

*He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

Isaiah 41:10

*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 43:2

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

Matthew 10:29-31

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Tim Hunsicker | 5.29.16



Introduction:

- This weekend, we honor men and women who have served and are serving in the United States Armed Forces. We recognize the trials many have gone through to protect our freedom, some with the giving of their lives.

"My loyalty to Country and Team is beyond reproach. I humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves. I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions. I voluntarily accept the inherent hazards of my profession, placing the welfare and security of others before my own."

– from the **NAVY SEAL Creed**

- As believers in Christ, we are going to experience trials. Today, we are going to look at how we can humbly serve God when we are in a time of trial.

Acts 16:16-34 – Paul and Silas' Trial in Prison

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 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV).

God's Place in our Trials

God is Our _____

"Our vision is so limited we can hardly imagine a love that does not show itself in protection from suffering... The love of God did not protect His own Son... He will not necessarily protect us – not from anything it takes to make us like His Son. A lot of hammering and chiseling and purifying by fire will have to go into the process."

– Elisabeth Elliot

God's Comfort is _____

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"If you allow it, [suffering] can be the means by which God brings you His greatest blessings."

– Charles R. Swindoll

Resources:

Ice Cream Illustration – "Witnessing to Your Enemy" Sermon by Jeff Strite
Barne's Notes on the Bible
Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary
ABWE.org – Todd DeKryger Story

Bible Passages: Comfort in Times of Trial

Psalm 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 119:49-50

Remember your word to your servant,

in which you have made me hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction,

that your promise gives me life.

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Psalm 71:20

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities

will revive me again;

from the depths of the earth

you will bring me up again.

Psalm 103:13

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.