



Your Comfort Station

2nd Cor 1:3-7 (Topical Message)



Today I am preaching a message on God's Comfort to believers, and God's Comfort through believers by expounding on 2nd Cor 1:3-7. Today, we will learn about 3 spiritual aspects of Comfort:

Thus, the title of my message ***"Your Comfort Station"***

Aspects:

1. God is Comfort

2. Comfort is Through Christ

3. Christ's Comfort Flows Through the Believer to the Uncomforted

Corinthians 1:3-7 (NASB)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

What is Comfort?

(1) Comfort (Websters – Noun): Assistance, Support, Consultation in time of trouble or worry, A feeling of relief or encouragement, A satisfying or enjoyable experience

(2) Comfort (Websters – Verb): To give strength and hope to, To ease the grief or trouble of

As we start this message, let's understand **God is the Noun (Identified as) Comfort, and God is the Verb (Action) Comfort.**

1. God is Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NASB)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all **comfort**,
Paul describes God as the (1) Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2) Father of Mercies, and (3) God of all **comfort**.

We see here that Paul describes 2 of the 3 persons of the trinity. God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ the Son (Holy Spirit isn't mentioned here). Paul says God the Father is *also* the Father of mercies. Other translations say He is the Father of compassion: Amen!

Psalms 25:6 (NASB)

⁶ Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses, For they have been from of old.

David in Psalm 25:6, says O LORD (God) your compassion and loving kindness have been existed from old (eternity). God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is merciful and compassionate and He has always been merciful and compassionate from eternity past.

3^{rdly} God the Father is the God of **ALL** Comfort – Amen!

*Notice how Paul doesn't say some types of Comforts, or some form of Comfort – But the God of ALL Comfort –
Amen!*

Brothers & Sisters – God is man's only source of Comfort in the World. There might be some earthly temporary comfort that is fleeting. But God's comfort is lasting and permanent because God is God.

2. Comfort is Through Christ

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our **comfort** is abundant through Christ.

The Corinthian believers were suffering persecution. We don't know specifically what that suffering was, but Paul says the suffering of Christ are their sufferings as well. The Corinthian believers are suffering, like Jesus Christ suffered. Maybe not to the point of physical crucifixion, but in some form that is unknown to the readers of this passage:

Isaiah Chapter 53 has been Titled in the NASB Bible as the **“Suffering Servant”** Chapter. By the way – there are no titles like this in the original text. Bible translators added this to help clarify what was written (Titles aren't inspired). Isaiah 53 was written approximately 700 years before Christ was Crucified.

From this passage, what are some of the words used to describe Christ's sufferings as a “Suffering Servant”?

(1) Being Despised (2) Being Oppressed (3) Being Afflicted (4) Being Crushed (5) Having Grief (6) Having Anguish

Brothers & Sisters – These words can also describe our suffering as believers today. Have you ever felt these emotions in such an overwhelming way that you felt as if you were being crucified? That feeling no matter how great, doesn't compare to what Christ suffered for you and me to during His crucifixion and resurrection for the offer of salvation to man. Paul adds in that those sufferings (Unknown) are **ALSO** ours in abundance.

Paul writes in the 2nd half of this verse, **our comfort is abundant through Christ.**

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NLT)

⁵ For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

The more suffering, the more Comfort through Christ:

The word **“Through”** Christ – Is also translated on account of, or because of Christ.

So, Paul has told us that God the Father is Comfort, and that the more the Christian suffers, the more God Comforts us (Through) because of Christ:

Checkmate to the Devil & the World System he runs – Amen!

His attempts at the manipulating the world system to despise, oppress and afflict the believer is meet with the abundance of the COMFORT of God – Amen!

God comforts all believers through Christ – Amen. But Comfort doesn't stop there -

3. Christ's Comfort Flows Through the Believer to the Uncomforted

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NASB)

⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to **comfort** those who are in any affliction with the **comfort** with which we ourselves are **comforted** by God.

Paul explains a 2-fold purpose of God's Comfort through Christ to the believer:

1. *The Believer Experiences God's Comfort*

2. *The Believer Comforts those who need Comfort with the same Comfort they Received from God (in all afflictions)*

This is a believer comforting another person by explaining how he was comforted in his affliction by God. And that this same Godly comfort is available to the uncomfortable individual, as well as from comfort coming through the believer.

I think most Christians can relate to this. God comforted you in a particular trial and affliction, and when you encounter another person in that same affliction, we comfort and encourage them, and tell them how God worked and comforted us, and He can do the same for them.

Amen!

Brothers & Sisters – When we comfort others, we need to discern if they are born again themselves. God comforts the believer through Christ being in the believer. I don't want to put God in a box and say He only comforts born again believers, and comforts through them.

God can certainly comfort an unbeliever if He wants to, because He is God.

But maybe, the discomfort of a person is the work of the Holy Spirit pointing them to salvation in Jesus Christ.

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So, in this case, we need to explain the COMFORT of being made Spiritually Alive in Christ, versus the discomfort of living void of spiritual life in a fallen world.

2 Corinthians 1:6-7 (NASB)

⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your **comfort** and salvation; or if we are **comforted**, it is for your **comfort**, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our **comfort**.

(Paraphrasing) – As a believer when we are afflicted, we receive God’s Comfort through Christ. In turn, we can comfort another person with the same Comfort because Christ lives in us. This Comfort will assist the person in patiently enduring the same things we suffered from.

Paul concludes this section with verse 7 –

⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our **comfort**.

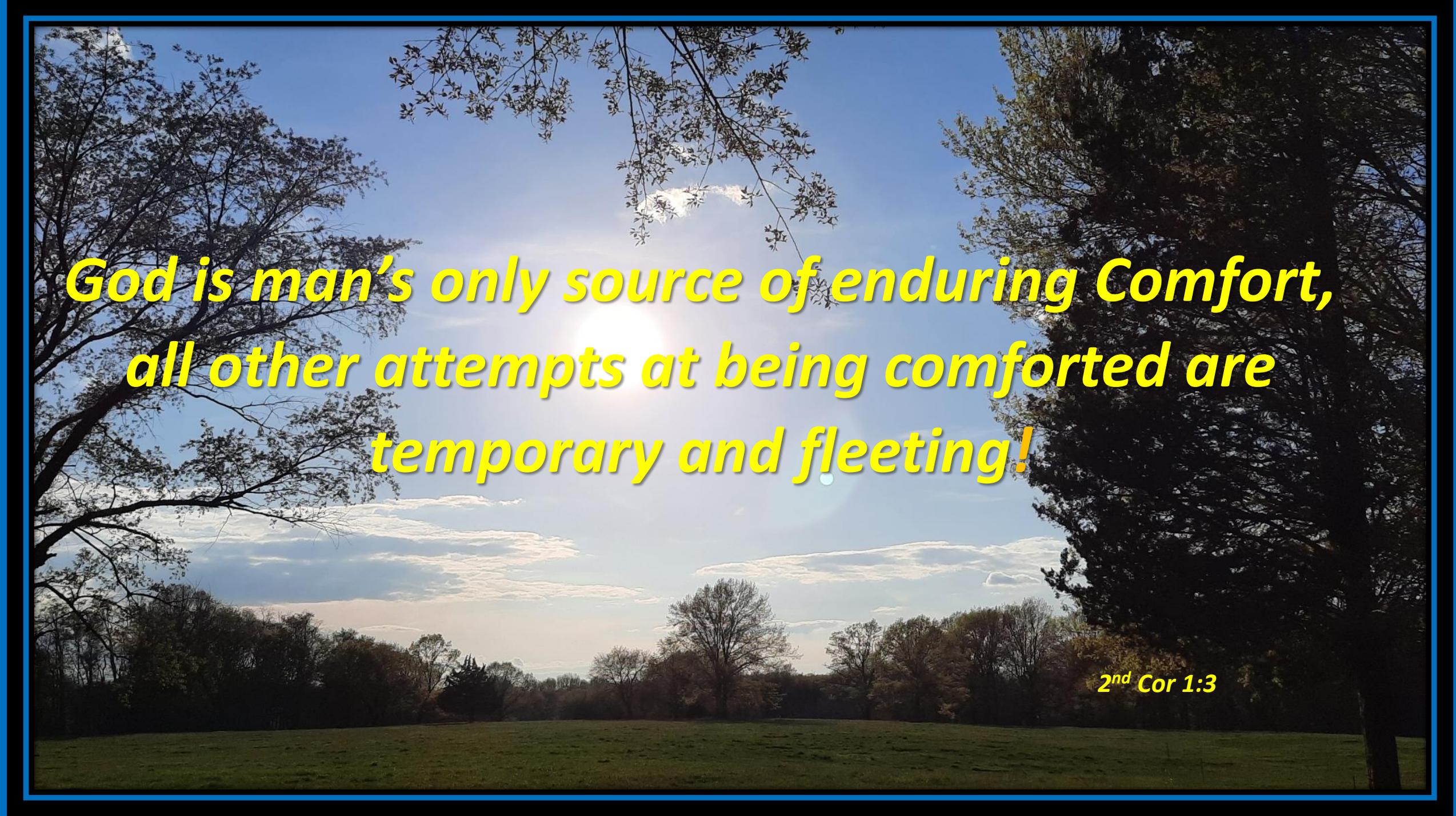
2 Corinthians 1:7 (NLT)

⁷ We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the **comfort** God gives us.

Paul concludes – Believers share in similar sufferings, and also share in God’s Comfort through Christ!

Believers - Experience Godly **Comfort by-** Assistance, Support, Consultation in times of trouble or worry, relief, encouragement, satisfaction, strength, hope, ease of grief or trouble

What a blessing!



*God is man's only source of enduring Comfort,
all other attempts at being comforted are
temporary and fleeting!*

2nd Cor 1:3

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