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## What Is Real Comfort?

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**TODAY'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 1

I love comfort. My 2008 Acura TL is old and has almost 200,000 miles on it, but it is so comfortable. The seats are old and ripped, but they are heated! I hate camping and being in the woods because it is not comfortable. I used to wear Converse All-Star shoes all the time until one day it hit me: these shoes are like walking on cement barefoot, they have no support, and are uncomfortable! The Nike shoes I wear most of the time now have a thick foam pad in them and it feels like I am walking on clouds.

In verse 4, Paul says God will comfort us in affliction so that we can comfort others. In the midst of pain and suffering, how can we be comfortable? We look to the one who suffered for our sake on the cross (verses 5-6). Jesus Christ endured suffering and took the full wrath of God in our place so that we can have peace with God! This is the gospel, the good news! If we truly believe this, we will not and cannot keep this news to ourselves. We will want other people to experience this comfort in Christ like we have.

In Christ, we know that in every situation, God is working for our good and his glory. We may not feel comfortable in suffering, but we are comforted knowing God is drawing us closer to himself. I have comfort because the God of the universe loves me and adopted me as his son. So, take away my car with heated seats and make me walk in Converse All-Star shoes in the woods. I have comfort because I know I will experience eternal life with God forever.

**PRAYER:** Father, take me out of my comfort zone if it means I can reach more people with your gospel. Thank you for sending your Son to suffer in my place. Help my attitude reflect what you have done for me, and not what my situation makes me feel.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 2

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