

# Comfort, Comfort My People (3/23/25)

**Verses:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Main Verse:** Isaiah 40:1

**'Takeaway':** God is a God of both consequences & comfort. But because Jesus took our spiritual consequences, those who trust him can wonderfully know God's spiritual comfort at all times.

**Getting Started:** Where (or to what) do you turn for comfort?



**READ:** Isaiah 40:1-11 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler)Talk to God. Thank him for his comfort & his faithfulness. Thank him that he is with us in all things, good & bad. Thank God for his great power & plan of rescue for us thru Jesus' death & resurrection. Ask God to help you grow each day in your knowledge of, & love for him.

(Elementary)Talk to God. Thank him for his comfort & his faithfulness. Thank him that he is with us in all things, good & bad. Thank him for his great power & plan of rescue for us thru Jesus' death & resurrection. Praise Jesus for taking the spiritual consequences of sin on himself on the cross, so that thru faith in him, we can know God's spiritual comfort at all times. Do you experience that comfort? Do you feel God calling you to surrender to his loving leadership & comfort? If so, you might want to pray something like this: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one.

**Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.