

60 Bible Verses About Comfort

From the God of all comfort to the comfort we're called to share

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Comfort is one of the most repeated promises in Scripture, because grief, fear, and weakness are some of the most repeated experiences of being human. God does not comfort from a distance. He calls Himself the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort — near to the brokenhearted, present in the valley, patient with the weak, and faithful to wipe away every tear in the end.

These sixty verses gather His comfort for sorrow, fear, weakness, loss, and every ordinary hard day in between — and the comfort He asks us to pass along to others.

God the Comforter

Before comfort is something you feel, it is something God does. It starts with who He is.

Isaiah 40:1

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” says your God.”

Comfort, repeated twice, opens one of the most tender chapters in Scripture — God’s own stated intention toward His people.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4

“Blessed be... 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.”

God of all comfort — not some kinds, not with exceptions. Whatever trouble you carry falls inside that word.

Isaiah 51:12

“I, even I, am He who comforts you.”

The doubled ‘I’ is emphatic in Hebrew. Comfort is not a task God delegates — it is personally His.

Psalms 23:4

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

Comfort here is not the absence of the valley — it is Someone walking through it with you.

Isaiah 66:13

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”

One of Scripture’s most intimate images of God — as near and tender as a mother to a child.

Comfort in Sorrow and Grief

Scripture never tells you not to grieve. It tells you where to bring your grief.

Matthew 5:4

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Jesus calls mourners blessed — comfort is promised specifically to those who feel loss honestly enough to mourn it.

Psalms 34:18

“The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.”

Near — not eventually. The broken heart is exactly where God says He already is.

Psalms 147:3

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Binds up — the image of a physician dressing a wound with care, not rushing the healing.

2 Corinthians 1:5

“For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.”

Whatever measure of suffering you carry, the comfort available through Christ abounds too.

Psalms 30:5

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”

Not weeping denied — weeping given a night, and a morning promised to follow it.

Comfort in Fear

“Fear not” is one of the most repeated phrases in Scripture — always paired with a reason to believe it.

Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Four promises stacked in one verse — strengthen, help, uphold, and the reason behind them all: I am with you.

Psalms 46:1–2

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed.”

Very present — not a refuge you travel toward, but a help already there when trouble arrives.

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear... for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is a command given alongside a promise strong enough to stand on.

Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Wherever you go — the promise travels with you into the unfamiliar places too.

Isaiah 43:2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.”

Not if, but when. God promises His presence in the deep water, not a life without it.

Comfort Through God's Presence

The deepest comfort in Scripture is rarely an explanation. It is a Person who stays.

Psalm 16:8

“I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.”

At my right hand — the position of a helper standing close. Stability comes from proximity, not circumstance.

Matthew 28:20

“And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Jesus's last recorded words in Matthew are a promise of presence, not absence.

Psalm 73:23

“Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.”

The psalmist has just confessed near-collapse of faith. Even there, he can say: continually with You.

Hebrews 13:5

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

One of the strongest double negatives in the Greek New Testament — an emphatic, unbreakable promise.

Psalm 139:9–10

“If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.”

There is no uttermost place beyond God's reach.

Comfort in Weakness

You do not have to be strong for God's comfort to reach you.

2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Paul asked three times for his weakness to be removed. God's answer was sufficiency — grace enough to carry it.

Psalm 73:26

“My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

The body and even the heart can fail. What does not fail is God Himself.

Isaiah 40:29

“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.”

Not to the already strong — specifically to those with no strength of their own left at all.

Psalm 55:22

“Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”

Cast — a decisive action. The burden is meant to actually leave your hands and land in His.

2 Corinthians 4:16

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

Two processes at once — outward decline you can see, and inward renewal happening daily.

Comfort in Suffering and Trials

Comfort in Scripture rarely explains suffering away. It sets it against something larger.

Romans 8:18

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Paul does not minimize suffering. He weighs it — and finds it outweighed by what is coming.

1 Peter 5:10

“But may the God of all grace... after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”

A while — suffering is given a limit here, with four specific promises for what follows it.

James 1:12

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

Endurance is not wasted time. It is the very thing being approved and rewarded.

Romans 5:3–4

“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance.”

Glory in tribulation is possible only because of what it knowingly produces.

2 Corinthians 4:17

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

Comfort doing arithmetic — weighing the temporary against the eternal.

Comfort of the Holy Spirit

Jesus promised comfort would not leave when He did. It would take up residence.

John 14:16

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.”

Helper — the Greek *parakletos* can also be translated Comforter.

John 14:26

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things.”

Teaching, not just soothing. Part of the Spirit's comfort is helping you understand.

Acts 9:31

“Then the churches... had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”

Comfort here strengthened a whole community and became part of how it grew.

Romans 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Joy and peace described as filled, not manufactured — given from outside you.

Romans 8:26

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses... the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.”

When comfort is hard to even ask for in words, the Spirit prays on your behalf.

Comfort in Rest

Some of Scripture’s clearest comfort is simply an invitation to stop carrying it alone.

Matthew 11:28–30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Rest is not the absence of a yoke — it is the exchange of a heavy one for an easier one.

Psalms 62:1–2

“Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.”

A soul stilled enough to stop straining, because it has found a rock that will not shift.

Psalms 4:8

“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

Sleep becomes an act of trust — closing your eyes because safety does not depend on staying awake.

Exodus 33:14

“And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’”

Rest is tied directly to presence, not circumstance. Moses was heading into the wilderness when this was promised.

Psalm 91:1

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

Shadow implies nearness — you cannot stand in someone’s shadow without standing close beside them.

Comfort Through God's Word

Long before feelings catch up, Scripture itself is described as a source of comfort.

Psalm 119:50

“This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.”

The psalmist names a text as his comfort — something outside himself, sturdy enough to hold onto.

Psalm 119:76

“Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.”

Comfort asked for on the basis of a promise already given.

Romans 15:4

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

Scripture carries its own patience and comfort inside it — not just information, but sustaining hope.

Psalm 19:7–8

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul... the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.”

God’s law was never meant only to correct — it was meant to bring joy.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

Comfort is not only softness — it is also the steadiness of truth.

Comfort in Loss

Scripture speaks most directly to grief here — not to erase the loss, but to place it inside a larger hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–14

“But I do not want you to be ignorant... concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.”

Paul does not forbid sorrow. He says it is different — carried inside a hope others do not have.

Revelation 21:4

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.”

Every tear, not most. Scripture's final promise on grief is total, not partial.

John 14:1–3

“Let not your heart be troubled... In My Father’s house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you.”

Comfort for loss is a place being prepared, not just a memory left behind.

Psalms 116:15

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”

Not tragic to God the way it feels tragic to us. He receives His own with tenderness.

Isaiah 25:8

“He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces.”

Swallow up — death itself is described as ultimately consumed, not merely managed.

Comfort for the Brokenhearted

God does not wait for a broken heart to mend itself before He draws near to it.

Isaiah 61:1–3

“He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted... to comfort all who mourn... to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning.”

Beauty for ashes — not beauty despite the ashes, but an actual exchange God promises to make.

Psalms 51:17

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.”

God does not flinch from what feels broken to you. He receives it as something valuable.

Zephaniah 3:17

“The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love.”

Quiet you with His love — the way a parent quiets a frightened child.

Psalms 56:8

“You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?”

Nothing about your grief goes unnoticed by God — not even the tears themselves.

Psalms 34:19

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”

Scripture never pretends the righteous life is an easy one — it promises deliverance through it.

Comfort to Share with Others

Comfort received was never meant to end with you. It was always meant to move outward.

Romans 12:15

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

Comfort often looks like this simply — presence that matches someone's emotion rather than correcting it.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

Comfort is a mutual command, not a one-directional gift.

Galatians 6:2

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Some burdens are simply too heavy to carry alone. Bearing them together fulfills Christ’s own law.

Job 2:11

“Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him... they made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.”

Before their words went wrong later in the book, Job’s friends got this part right — they simply came, and stayed.

Colossians 3:12

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.”

Put on — comfort toward others is deliberately chosen each day, not a mood you wait to feel.

Sixty verses — from a God who calls Himself the Father of mercies, to friends who simply sat down beside a suffering man and stayed — all pointing to the same truth: **comfort is not the absence of sorrow. It is the presence of Someone who has never once left you to carry it alone.**

Whatever you are walking through today, you are invited to bring it to Him honestly — and then, when you are ready, to carry what you’ve received to someone else who needs it too.

A CLOSING PRAYER

*God of all comfort,
I bring You what I am carrying today.
I do not ask You to explain it all away —
only to be near, the way You have promised to be.
Bind up what is broken. Quiet what is afraid.
And when I have received Your comfort,
make me willing to carry it to someone else.*

Amen.