



Jesus Matters: In Our Grief
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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At some point, we will all experience grief. There are times when grief can be so great it seems like the end of the world as we know it.

There are many sources of grief. A broken relationship, the loss of a pet, a friend or child who moves away and the death of a loved one are all causes of grief. The greater the grief is the longer it takes to heal.

In this text, we will see that we have a merciful God and Savior who draws near to us and comforts us in our times of grief.

The Main Thought...

➤ *Grief can come from many sources, but genuine comfort can be found in _____ alone.*

1. He _____ near to us (v. 3-4).

- *His _____ ministers to us (v. 3).*
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Isa. 53:3a; Heb. 4:15; Ps. 34:18; 121:1-2; Jn. 14:16; 2 Tm. 4:9

2. He is at _____ in us (v. 5-10).

- *He is making us better _____ (v. 5-7).*
- *He is teaching us to _____ fully on Him (v. 8-9).*
- *He is refocusing us on our blessed _____ (v. 10).*

Rm. 5:3-5; 2 Cor. 12:9; Rm. 8:18, 28

3. He _____ us through the prayers of many (v. 11).

Mt. 5:4; Rm. 8:34

When others are going through grief...

- *Go to them and _____ to them.*
- *Keep in regular _____ with them.*
- *Do not say _____ and foolish things to them.*
- *Be especially _____, loving and kind to them.*
- *_____ continually for them being sensitive to the Spirit.*