

Week 4: Comforting Others Who Are Going Through Trials

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Heart Troublers (*Dravecky, Jan, New Women's Devotional Bible, Zondervan, 2006, p. 96*)

- Many things can trouble our hearts in this world (John 16:33).
- Jesus calls us to turn to Him when our hearts are troubled (John 14:1).
- Trials reveal our weakness and dependence on God.
- God is in control and He is good.
- Allow Him to do great things with your soul (Psalm 1:3).

Restoring the Broken (*Chriswell, Tammy, Facebook*)

- Your ministry is found where you have been broken.
- Your testimony is found where you have been restored.

Pray - Submit - Commit

- Scriptures: Psalm 143:11; Psalm 34:6; Psalm 46:10; Job 1:21; 1 Peter 4:19; Psalm 119:71

Fear Not and Be Strong

- God gives strength and courage in our trials.
- Scriptures: Deut 31:6, 8; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 29:11; Psalm 46:1–3; Luke 6:47–48

God Will Not Leave or Forsake Us

- He promises His presence in every season.
- Scriptures: Heb 13:5; John 14:18; Matt 28:20; Isa 54:10; Rom 8:31, 35; Isaiah 43:2; Psalm 50:15; Psalm 91:14–15

Trust God

- He is our peace and strength.
- Scriptures: Isaiah 26:3–4; Proverbs 3:5–6; Psalm 91:2

Glory and Joy Are Coming

- Trials are temporary, but God's glory is eternal.
- Scriptures: 2 Cor 4:8–9, 16–18; Romans 5:3; James 1:2–3; 1 Peter 4:12–14, 16; Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 1:6–7

Things to Think About

- What great things has God done through you after you learned to trust and rest in Him?
- How have you been broken? What was your resulting testimony?
- How will you use these Bible verses of encouragement when ministering to fellow believers, coworkers, friends, and family members who are going through a trial?
- What particular words of encouragement can you add to these verses? Do you have a testimony you can share with them? Work on how you can share your personal testimony.

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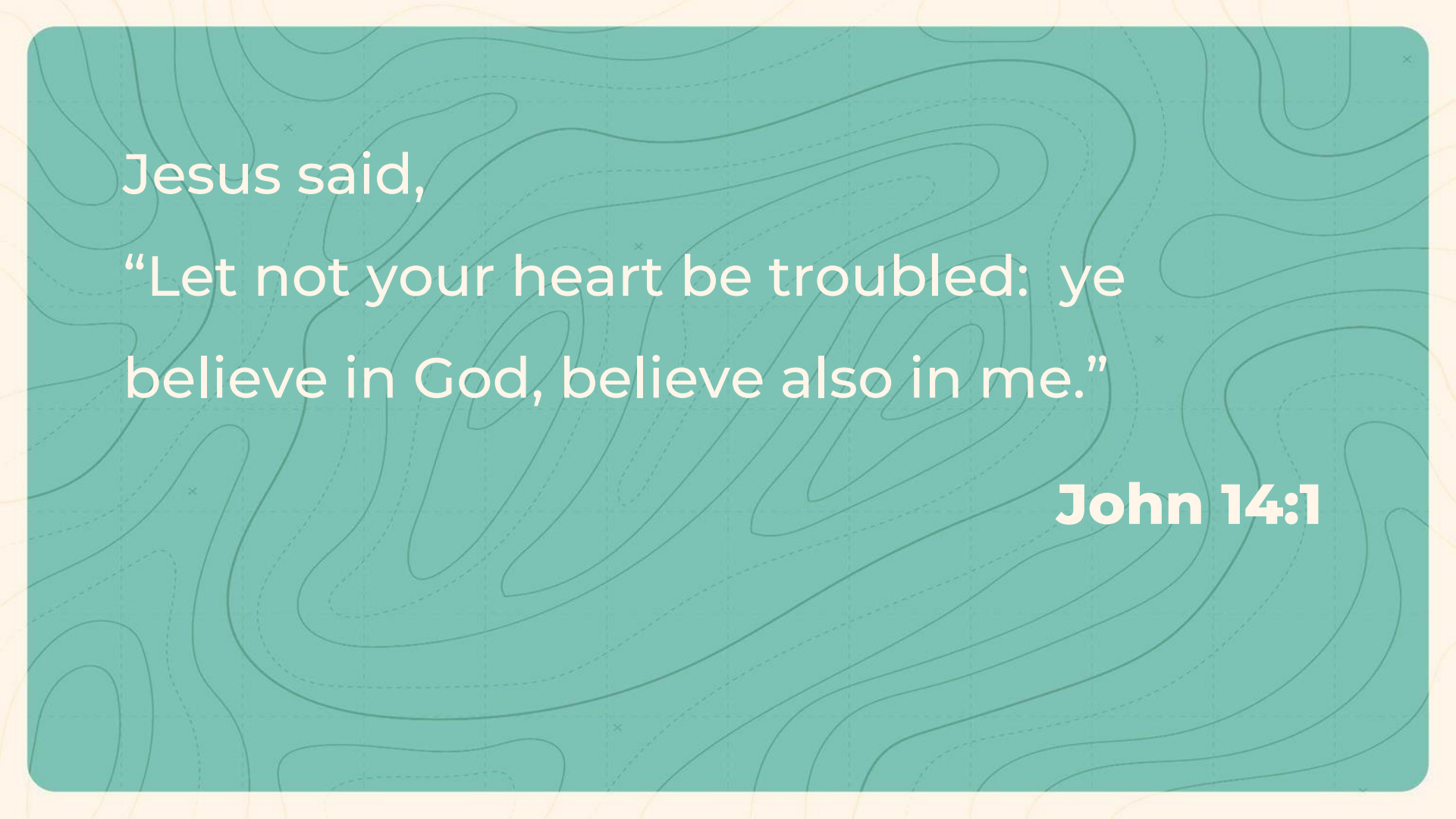
How to Comfort Others Who are Going Through Trials and Find Strength and Support within Christian Community



**Read New Women's Devotional
Bible, Zondervan, 2006, p. 96;
“Heart Troublers” by Jan
Dravecky**

These things I have spoken unto you,
that in me ye might have peace. In the
world ye shall have tribulation: but be of
good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33



Jesus said,

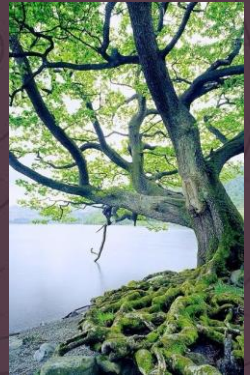
“Let not your heart be troubled: ye
believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1

Catherine of Genoa worked by serving the sick and the poor. (1447-1510) The following slide is her quote.



“When God finds a soul that rests in Him and is not easily moved, He operates within it in His own manner. That soul allows God to do great things with it.”



And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

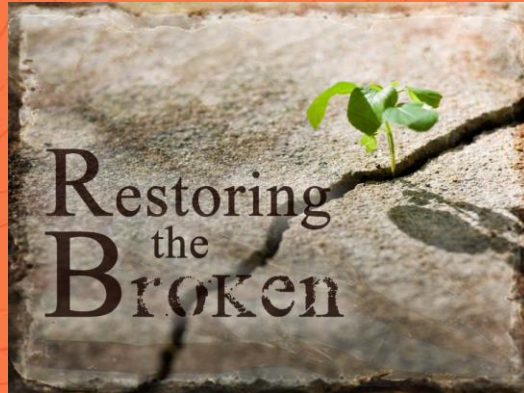


Psalm 1:3

**What great things has God
done through you after you
learned to trust and rest in
Him?**



“Your ministry is found where you’ve been broken. Your testimony is found where you’ve been restored.” (Tammy Chriswell, Facebook)



**How have you been broken?
What was your resulting
testimony?**



Let's make a list of things we can do or say to comfort others who are going through trials.



Pray-Submit-Commit



PRAY

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's
sake: For thy righteousness' sake bring
my soul out of trouble.

Psalms 143:11

PRAY

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalms 34:6

COMMIT

**Be still, and know that I am God: I will be
exalted among the heathen, I will be
exalted in the earth.**

Psalms 46:10

COMMIT

...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath
taken away; blessed be the name of the
LORD.

Job 1:21

COMMIT

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

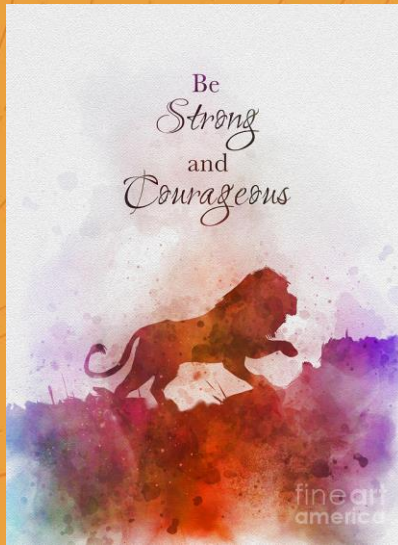
1 Peter 4:19

SUBMIT

**It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn thy statutes.**

Psalms 119:71

Fear Not and Be Strong.



Be strong and of good courage, fear not,
nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy
God, he it is that doth go with thee; he
will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Deuteronomy 31:6, 8

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not
dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen
thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold
thee with the right hand of my
righteousness.

Isaiah 41:10

But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; My
glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Psalms 3:3

For God hath not given us the spirit of
fear; but of power, and of love, and of a
sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7

The LORD will give strength unto his
people; The LORD will bless his people
with peace.

Psalms 29:11

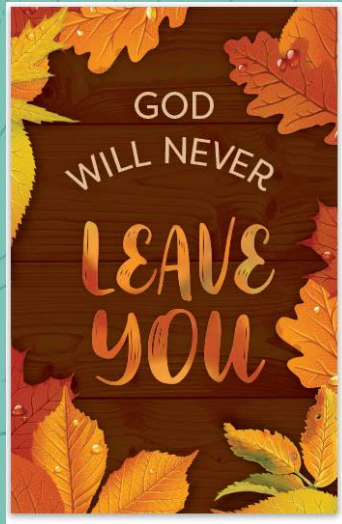
God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psalms 46:1-3

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Luke 6:47-48

God Will Not Leave Us or Forsake Us.



Let your conversation be without
covetousness; and be content with such
things as ye have: for he hath said, I will
never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

I will not leave you comfortless: I will
come to you.

John 14:18

...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto
the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:20

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Isaiah 54:10

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:31, 35

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isaiah 43:2

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I
will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify
me.

Psalms 50:15

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psalms 91:14-15

Trust God.



Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

Isaiah 26:3-4

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And
lean not unto thine own understanding. In
all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall
direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

**I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge
and my fortress: My God; in him will I
trust.**

Psalms 91:2

Glory and Joy are Coming!!!



We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

II Corinthians 4:8-9

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

II Corinthians 4:16-17

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

II Corinthians 4:18

...we glory in tribulations also: knowing
that tribulation worketh patience:

Romans 5:3

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall
into divers temptations; knowing this,
that the trying of your faith worketh
patience.

James 1:2-3

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

I Peter 4:12-13

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ,
happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of
God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil
spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1 Peter 4:14

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

1 Peter 4:16

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

Romans 8:18

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

I Peter 1:6-7

Where the Light Shines Through

You try to keep the wound camouflaged, and the stitches heal.
Why're you running from yourself now?
Cause your scars shine like dark stars. Yeah, your wounds are
where the light shines through. So let's go there, to that place
where we sing these broken prayers where the light shines
through. The wound is where the light shines through.

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For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV