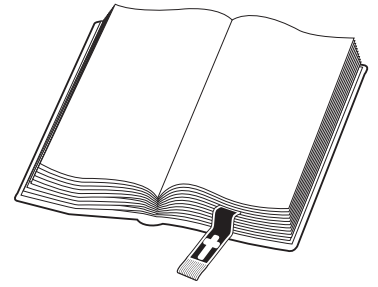


My Comfort Comes from the Bible



*“Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope.
This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.”*
Psalm 119:49-50

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Beloved, where do you go for help in times of affliction? Where do you go for comfort? The enemy may be afflicting you spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially. He may be afflicting you in your marriage, through rebellious children, in your extended family, or in the workplace. It may be all of the above! Your affliction may be the consequences of sinful choices you have made in life or because of sin done to you. Regardless of where affliction comes from, the question is the same. Where do you go for comfort?

I know for myself I have constantly found that the only true and lasting comfort in my life comes from the Bible and time spent in prayer as I would read and obey God’s Word daily. I love spending time with my beloved Jesus!

No matter where the affliction comes from, God’s AMAZING GRACE always leads me to the exact scripture I need for every situation. Countless times over the years in the midst of tests, trials, and afflictions, the Holy Spirit has faithfully brought to my mind scriptures that I had read and hidden in my heart. When my unsaved nephew committed suicide, *God’s Word comforted me!* When my four-year-old niece was brutally murdered, *God’s Word comforted me!* When I went through four and a half years of constant pain, surgery, and therapy as the result of an accident that almost killed me, *God’s Word comforted me!* When my husband and I were both ill at the same time for several years, *God’s Word comforted me!*

As I teach God’s Word in this country and internationally, there are constant tests, trials, and opportunities for my faith to grow. God’s Word comforts me, and I experience the power of the Holy Spirit manifest His strength in my many weaknesses. Through the sorrow of the death of loved ones, God’s Word has comforted me over and over.

Beloved, some of you are in the midst of painful situations that would seem to overwhelm you. You do not know where to turn. You are physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted. *I have been there.* Some of you feel trapped in the bondage of sin. You have tried to get free many times, but you have fallen so many times you have given up hope of ever being free. *I have been there.* But I can tell you from personal experience that God is faithful! As you are faithful to daily read and obey the Bible and cry out to Jesus for help, He will be faithful to comfort, encourage, strengthen, set you free, and give you wisdom for every situation you encounter in life.

Unbeliever, it starts by repenting of your sin and surrendering your life to Jesus as your Savior. He loves you, He died for you and He wants to help you. You can trust Him. Beloved believer, whatever tests, trials, pains, and sorrow you are experiencing, your answer is in the Word of God. There, and only there, will you find true, genuine, lasting comfort. I implore you to go to the Word, not the world, for your help and comfort.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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