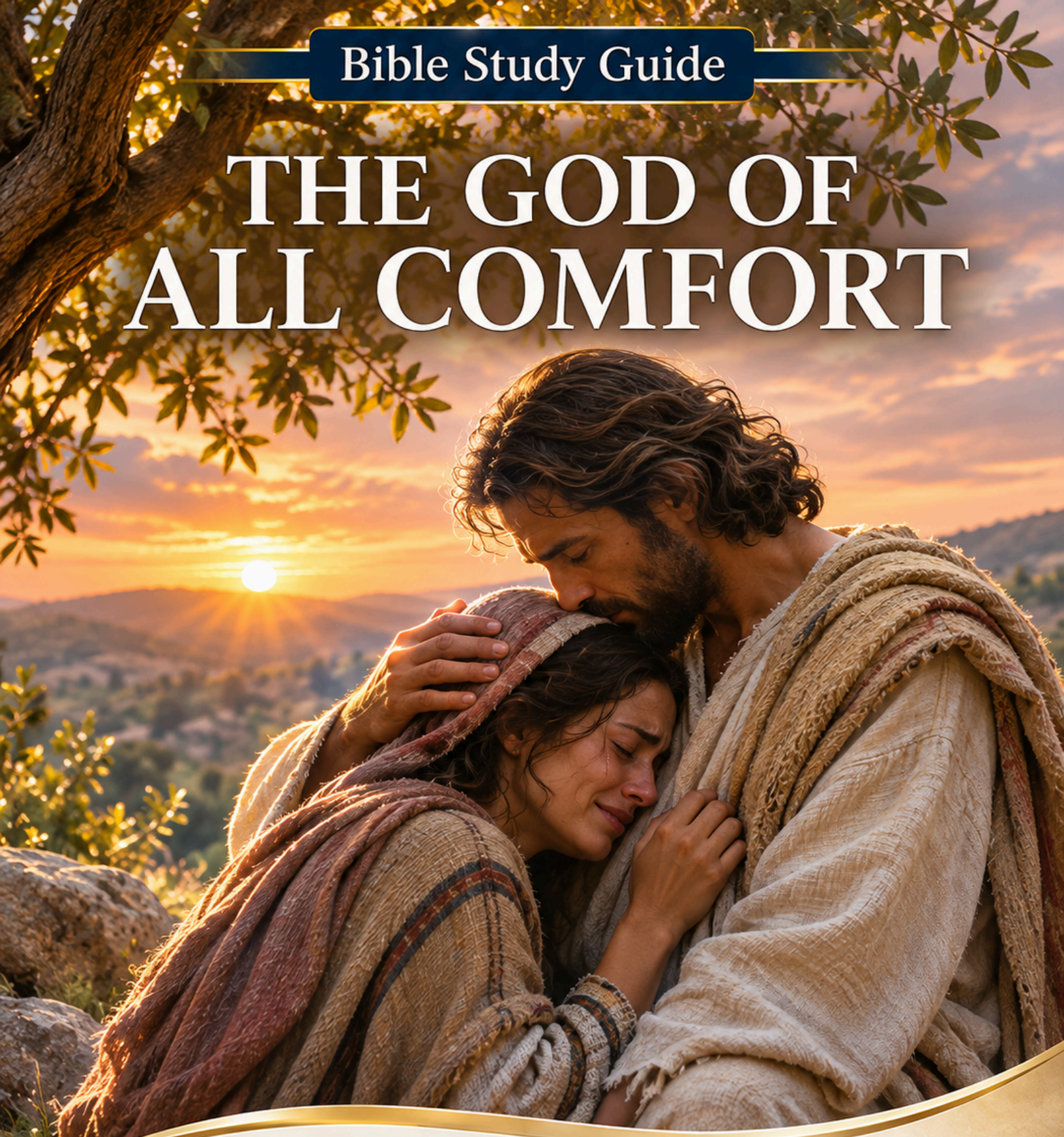
Bible Study Guide

THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT



A Bible Study on God's Comfort, Our Trials, and the Hope He Gives

Introduction

A ship caught in a storm needs a secure harbor, not merely advice about the waves. Paul wrote to Corinth after experiencing trouble beyond his strength. Instead of presenting himself as invulnerable, he pointed to the God of all comfort. Divine consolation does not make us immune to sorrow; it gives us strength to endure and compassion to help others.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **By whose will did Paul receive his calling?** (2 Corinthians 1:1)

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the _____, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in Achaia:"

Paul's ministry rested on God's calling rather than personal ambition, even when that calling led through hardship.

2 **Why did the Son of man come?** (Mark 10:45)

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to _____, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ's greatness is revealed in service and sacrifice.

3 **What gift does Paul mention before peace in his greeting?** (2 Corinthians 1:2)

"_____ be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace is rooted in God's grace, not in an absence of trouble.

4 **What will guard the heart and mind of the believer?** (Philippians 4:7)

"And the _____ of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Christ gives inward peace that does not depend on favorable circumstances.

5 **What does Christ offer the burdened soul?** (Matthew 11:28-29)

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____."

Rest comes through coming to Christ and learning His meekness, not through self-reliance.

6 **How does Paul describe the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?** (2 Corinthians 1:3)

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of _____, and the God of all comfort;"

The Father's character is compassionate. Christ's life reveals the heart of the God who comforts us.

7 **What did Jesus reveal about the Father?** (John 14:9)

"he that hath seen me hath seen the _____;"

The life and character of Jesus reveal the Father's compassion and love.

8 **What are those comforted by God enabled to give others?** (2 Corinthians 1:4)

"Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to _____ them which are in any trouble,"

God's consolation is not meant to end with us. It equips us to minister to people who are hurting.

9 **How did Jesus view the multitudes?** (Matthew 9:36)

"he was moved with _____ on them,"

Christ saw the needs of people rather than merely their outward failures.

10 **How did Jesus respond to grief at Lazarus's tomb?** (John 11:35)

"Jesus _____."

Christ's compassion shows that genuine faith does not require denying sorrow.

11 **How does Paul describe the severity of his trouble in Asia?** (2 Corinthians 1:8)

"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, _____, insomuch that we despaired even of life:"

Even faithful servants can experience overwhelming suffering. They are not disqualified by admitting their weakness.

12 **What is God in times of trouble?** (Psalm 46:1)

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present _____ in trouble."

God's nearness remains a source of strength amid adversity.

13 **In whom did Paul learn to trust rather than in himself?** (2 Corinthians 1:9)

"But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in _____ which raiseth the dead:"

The God who raises the dead can be trusted even when human resources are exhausted.

14 **Where is Christ's strength made perfect?** (2 Corinthians 12:9)

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in _____."

Acknowledging our weakness makes room for the sustaining grace of Christ.

15 **Who is the resurrection and the life?** (John 11:25)

"I am the _____, and the life:"

Our hope of eternal life rests in Christ Himself.

16 **What enduring gift has God given through grace?** (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us _____ and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

Christian hope reaches beyond temporary relief to the everlasting faithfulness of God.

17 **Why may we give God our burdens?** (1 Peter 5:7)

"Casting all your care upon him; for he _____ for you."

Our burdens matter to our heavenly Father; we need not bear them alone.

18 **How do believers fulfill the law of Christ?** (Galatians 6:2)

"Bear ye one another's _____, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Practical sympathy is one expression of Christ's love.

Appeal

Are you carrying a burden beyond your strength? Will you trust the Father of mercies and share the comfort you receive with someone who needs it?

Commitment

I choose to bring my burdens to God, trust His compassion, and become a source of comfort to others.

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