

DOSE OF COMFORT

When you have a toothache, you will need a painkiller to comfort you from the pain. Or when you trip while playing in the playground, the warm comfort from your parents would be the mostwanted-comfort that works well to cheer you up. A thick wool jacket will comfort you on a cold and rainy day.

According to the dictionary, comfort is a pleasant condition that comes from not having physical pain or from having an easy life with little worry. Each of us needs a healthy dose of comfort from time to time.

A comforter is a person or thing that comforts us. Jesus is our ultimate Comforter. He is a compassionate God. No matter what problems you may be going through today, you can find comfort in Him

God's comfort is unique, infinite, boundless, unchangeable and ever-present. There's nothing too hard for Him to do for us. We don't have to go through any problem or situation alone, the Comforter is with us.

Key verse:

Isaiah 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are the daily dose of comfort that I need to strengthen me. Thank You for being my Comforter. Amen.





A SHARP THRESHING SLEDGE

A threshing sledge is a thick board made of razorlike metal blades that is used in the process of separating the edible part of grain or wheat from scaly and inedible chaff that surrounds it.

Through Isaiah, God told the Israelites that they would be made into a sharp and new threshing sledge that threshed the mountain and hill, not the grain or wheat. Threshing a mountain and crushing the hill implies that they would have great and supernatural power.

God wants you and me to be this kind of threshing sledge. It means He has equipped us to crush mountains of problems and make hills of challenges into chaff. He will give us all the power to overcome them.

The purpose of this is to reveal God's power to this world. We have to praise God and rejoice in Him. It is not us who has this power, it is God through you.

Key verse:

Isaiah 41:15
See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.

Prayer

Dear God, I let Your power work in me to destroy many mountains and hills around me so that I can be Your witness to the world. Amen.



THE CHOSEN ONES

magine you love playing netball and join the netball club at your school. One day, the school announces that there will be a netball competition and some competent students will be chosen. On the day of player selection, you are anxiously waiting for your name to be called. And the 5th name that is called is your name! You are chosen to join the netball competition on behalf of your school! How do you feel? You must feel very special!

These verses are what God told Isaiah about Jesus. Jesus is the One whom God chose to be His perfect servant and God is so well pleased with Jesus. God knows that Jesus will never fail or disappoint Him in any way.

Do you know that you and I are also the chosen children of God? Being chosen by God means you are special in His eyes. He chooses you and me to be His witnesses in this world. He chooses to love you and me. What a privilege we have!

Key verse:

Isaiah 42:1a ... He is the one I chose, and I am pleased with him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank
You for choosing
me and loving
me. Anoint me
with Your Holy
Spirit so that I
will always please
You. Amen. Ini
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You for Your
Holy Spirit in me.
Amen





BE PERSEVERANT

You might feel anxious when your exam is approaching. You can't even fall asleep at night because your minds are drowning in anxiety. Just like someone who is drowning under the wave, you might not even be able to breathe properly due to your anxiety. Be persevering through a wave of anxiety as God has promised that He will keep you from drowning.

When you hear your dad and mom bickering to one another at home non stop, It makes you stressed and angry. It might feel like crossing a river, without knowing when you will reach the safe side of the river. Be persevering through the uncertain river of discouragement, as God has promised that He will walk through the river with you till you reach the safe side of the river.

Be persevering through the flames of hardship and challenges in life as God has promised that He keeps you from burning. He will cover you and help you to walk through.

God is always with you so don't be afraid and always be perseverant.

Key verse:

Isaiah 43:2
When you pass
through the
waters, I will
be with you.
When you cross
rivers, you will
not drown.
When you walk
through fire,
you will not be
burned. The
flames will not
hurt you.

Prayer

Dear God, I find refuge under Your wings. Protect me and keep evil far from me.

Amen.



THE BEGINNING AND THE END

od is the beginning' means there is never a time or space when God does not exist. There was no time and space of "before Him". God had already existed before time, the world, heaven and man were created. For billions and trillions of unending years, God has already existed and does not need a beginning.

God is eternal and permanent. This is one of God's attributes. He does not change. His nature is from everlasting to everlasting. One day, the world we are living in will come to an end but He lives forever. He is the End, with His second coming, and will make all things new.

God is found in the first verse of Genesis and in the last verse of Revelation. God is the beginning and the end. He is Alpha and Omega.

In other words, He always is God and He always will be God. Even heaven and earth will not last, but God's power and authority will never end.

Key verse:

Isaiah 44:6b The Lord says, I am the beginning and the end. I am the only God.

Prayer

Dear God, I praise and thank You for the faithfulness You showed to Your people. I know that You are the same yesterday, today and forever.

Amen.





HIDDEN TREASURES IN DARKNESS

Pearl is very precious and expensive. Pearl can be found inside oysters. Some pearl oysters can be found in the water at a depth of 5 to 7 feet from the surface, but divers often have to go 40 to 125 feet deep to find enough pearl oysters. The deeper the sea, the darker and more dangerous it is for the divers. However, when they finally get the pearl, it's like getting a hidden treasure!

There is always a hidden treasure in every life lesson you have. For example, during the Home Based Learning period, Allove had to spend lots of time at home. She felt bored. However, it is during that time that she tried on new things and realized she has a talent in baking. Since then, she has been baking and selling some delicious cookies.

Our ultimate hidden treasure is absolutely God's blessings. We do not only find God's blessings in good times. Even in the darkest and hardest times of our lives, we will find God's blessing.

Key verse:

Isaiah 45:3a I will give you the wealth that is stored away. And I will give you hidden riches.

Prayer

Dear God,
having You as
my saviour and
God is absolutely
my treasure. I
am excited to
open my hidden
treasure that
You've prepared
for me, one after
another. Amen.



PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Put some water in a bowl. Blow hard on it as though you are making some waves. When you disobey God, your heart feels troubled like the raging waves of the sea. However, when you obey God, your heart feels peaceful like the still water in the bowl when you stop blowing upon it.

While watching the water flowing in the river, it gives the sense of calmness and serenity. The feel of the flowing water refreshes and soothes our feet. Water is the source of life.

This is how the peace of God works in your heart, like a flowing river. Just as river water flows, the peace, calmness and serenity of God is moving powerfully in your life, even when you can't see it. When you obey God, the peace of God will flow inside your heart like a full flowing river. The peace of God gives you strength and comfort in the midst of adversity.

Key verse:

Isaiah 48:18a
If you had
obeyed Me, then
peace would
have come to
you like a full
flowing river.

Prayer

Dear God, grant me Your peace that is flowing like a river. Give me a fully obedient heart to follow Your commands. Amen.

