

## AGENTS OF COMFORT

July 26, 2020 2 Corinthians 7:2-7 by Bob Branch  
Real Faith in Raw Times, part 12

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**BIG IDEA: When we're down, God comforts us *often* thru people who love us.**

<sup>2</sup> Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one. <sup>3</sup> I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you. <sup>4</sup> I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.

<sup>5</sup> For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. <sup>6</sup> But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, <sup>7</sup> and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.

**2 Corinthians 7:2-7**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (Encouragement).

**Why are we so afraid to be in need?**

“Come to me, all of you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest.” **Matthew 11:28** NIV

2. God \_\_\_\_\_.

“the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles” **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

**Parakaleo:** to call from near alongside. to calm your soul.

**Paraklete:** Holy Spirit, the One near you, in you, for you.

**Jesus reveals God, His Father, with beautiful precision.**

He is “the radiance of God’s *own* glory and the exact representation of his being” (**Heb. 1:3**)

He is “the visible image of the invisible God... God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things.” (**Col. 1:15, 19-20**).

3. **God Comforts us** \_\_\_\_\_.

“But God... comforted us by the coming of Titus” (6)

“I pray that the sharing of your faith together may make you understand every blessing we have in Christ.”

**Philemon 6**

**COMFORT FLOODS IN (v. 7)**

- When people **express that they VALUE us**.
- When **they are GRIEVED WITH us**.
- When **they express their WARMTH for us**.

**4 dimensions of comfort you can step into today.**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ . Quick to listen, slow to speak” (James 1:19)
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