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TOPIC: GOD COMFORTS

MEMORISE

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. Isaiah 66:13

READ: Isaiah 40:1-2

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

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One of the names of the Holy Spirit is 'The Comforter' (John 14:26). Jesus made a promise in John 14:18: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." He is 'The Truth' (John 14:6), so when He

says that He will not leave you comfortless, He really means it. Many times, however, when someone is grieving and the fellow is not open to listening to Him, he or she will not receive the comfort that He gives.

God is a Comforter; I am saying this from an assurance in God's word and from my experiences. I have gone through many tough times, and God has always been there to comfort me. Many years ago, I used to know a fantastic young boy; I was very proud of him because of his passion for the things of God such as evangelism and Bible study.

During his mandatory National Youth Service programme, he died. When he died, the other Christian Youth Corps members came together and started praying for him to return to life. After a while, he came back to life, sat up and said, "God asked me to come and tell you that you are disturbing Him," and then he died again. When I heard of his death, I was very sad for weeks.

Then, one day, God asked me, "Why are you so sad?" I responded, "Because you took this boy from me." God replied, "No. You are sad because your boy went to heaven ahead of you. Tell me, if you are going to a new country that you have never been to, wouldn't you like someone you know to be there, waiting to receive you?" I said, "That is true." Then He said, "Your boy has only gone ahead of you to receive you when you also get to heaven." Immediately after that conversation, my spirit was lifted.

When God said that He will never leave you nor forsake you in Hebrews 13:5, the purpose of that statement is so that you can have comfort in the knowledge that He is with you all the way. If you are currently experiencing heartbreak from any sad occurrence, I can tell you assuredly that Jesus is sitting right beside you, putting His hand around your shoulder and comforting you. You only need to open up to Him so that He can heal your broken heart. He loves you more than you can imagine, and He doesn't want to see you sad. Allow God to comfort you.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, I open up my heart to You. Please fill me up with Your comforting love, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Leviticus 19-21

HYMN 29: WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH

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