



Where Is God When My Pain Is Unbearable

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Immanuel, The God Who Is With You

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An ordinary person with an extraordinary story: Paul.

An Angry Man: Saul

Acts 7:54-60

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

A Man in Pain

2 Corinthians 11: 23-28

I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

When God Seems [Far Away](#)

Have you ever [felt](#) like this?

When has pain made it hard to hear the voice of God?

How has God shown up, even in a time of anguish?

The God Who Is [With Us](#)

Recognizing God's [Presence](#) and [Power](#) in Jesus.

Our God offers comfort, all the time.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

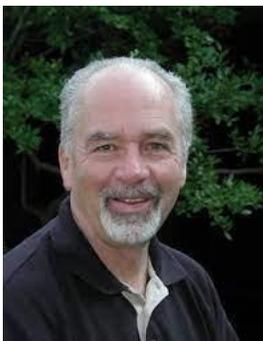
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

God even offers his presence and care through us.

2 Corinthians 1:4-7

who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

The Story of Rowland



The Point of Your Thorns

Immanuel, God with Us, brings the presence and power of [heaven](#) to our [lives](#).

Unwrap the Gift of Jesus.

God is ready to comfort you in your times of pain and suffering.

God can use you to bring His comfort to others in their pain.

Will you receive the power of Immanuel and share it with others?