

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Brad Martin
Barry Braman, & Josh Strother.
2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate
worship gathering, leading us to exalt
Jesus Christ.
3. Shady Oaks Baptist Church will grow in
Christ-exalting, Gospel-advancing
ministry in 2017.
4. Pray that God will move on us to be
more evangelistic through our obedience
in sharing the Gospel.

PREPARING FOR THE MESSAGE**Comfort Matters - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

In this second message from our Church Matters series, Pastor Brad will lead us through 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 where the apostle Paul writes some of the most profound scriptures on comfort. In this passage we will discuss the Person of comfort, the Promise of comfort, the Purpose of comfort and the Power God gives us through His comfort. This Sunday is going to be a wonderful time for the entire family to worship through singing, praying, scripture reading, and responding to God through His comfort.

Praise & Worship

All Hail The Power Of
Jesus Name

Nothing But The Blood
Leaning On The
Everlasting Arms

Choir Anthem

There Is A Redeemer

Scripture Reading**Praise & Worship**

Great Is Thy
Faithfulness

Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus
Robert Lowry
(Verse 1)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Thomas Obediah Chisholm
(Verse 1)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

(Verse 2)

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)**(Verse 3)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

Life Giving Truth: God allows bad things to happen to His people to enable them to comfort one another in their trials.

Truth: God Is The Person Of All Comfort.

In the midst of suffering we have a choice to make. We can either Bless God or Curse God. Paul is a wonderful example of how we should respond during our suffering. God is to be blessed because He is the God of all Comfort. He comes alongside us to help us in our afflictions.

Truth: God Makes A Promise In His Comfort.

God promises to comfort us in all our afflictions. The Bible is full of truth to this promise. He is a friend who loves at all times, a friend who sticks closer than a brother, and He promised He would never leave us, nor forsake us.

Truth: God Has A Purpose For His Comfort.

God's comfort is not only to express His care and fulfill His promise. His comfort for us is to be shared with others who are suffering. When we receive comfort from God, it is given to us as a trust or stewardship to be passed on to others.

Truth: God Gives Us Power Through His Comfort.

God allows us to suffer to teach us not to trust in ourselves, but to trust in God and His power. Only God who raises the dead has the power to deliver us from suffering. God's resurrection power alone can comfort us and deliver us from our suffering.

Response: Where Is Your Hope Today? Is your hope in the things of this world to help comfort you? Or, is your hope found in Jesus Christ through His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave? The things of this world will all pass away. But our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will last forever! Our hope in Jesus Christ will strengthen you, protect you, and comfort you through every pain you go through.

FAMILY RESPONSE

This week, spend time as a family and ask each other if there is anything that is troubling them. If so, ask how you might help to comfort them, encourage them, and pray for them.

This week, spend time praying over the members in your Life Group. Ask God to reveal to you someone that might be in need of some comfort. Take time out of your schedule to contact someone in your Life Group and find out how you can comfort them, encourage them, and pray for them.

This week, if you see one of your neighbors outside, ask them how you can pray for them. Allow God to use this opportunity to share God's comfort with them.