

# ONLY GOD CAN COMFORT YOU!

*Death Is Never Welcome*  
Las Vegas Mass Shooting

Psalm 34:18 (NIV)  
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## HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE GOD'S COMFORT?

### 1. I MUST REALIZE THAT GOD IS WITH ME

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#### Things I Need to Remember

##### \* GOD CARES

*"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him . . ."*  
Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

##### \* GOD WANTS TO HELP ME OUT

*"Let us approach (God) with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)*

### 2. I MUST LET GO OF THE PAIN I FEEL

#### How?

I must stop focusing on what I have lost and start focusing on what I have left!

*"... Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" (Says the Lord)*  
Isaiah 43:18-19a (NIV)

**When you are hurting you have three options. You can...**

- 1) Suppress it**
- 2) Relive it**
- 3) Let it go**

\*Stop asking God "Why" and ask Him "What". What do you want me to do Lord?

### **3. I MUST RELY ON GOD'S RESOURCES**

***"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 (NIV)***

Three "Comforters:

\* **GOD'S WORD**

*"I am completely discouraged ... Revive me by your Word. ...Your Word has been my comfort." Psalm 119:25, 52 (TLB)*

\* **GOD'S PEOPLE**

*"... The God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)*

\* **GOD'S SPIRIT**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy ... that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope." Romans 15:13 (PH)*

***"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4 (NIV)***