

"GOD OF COMFORT IN OUR PAINS"

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SERMON NOTES-PASTOR OLEG XU

We are encouraged to put our trust in God for the outworking of his purposes in our lives, in his time and his way.

- 1. Express your sorrow, v.1-2
- 2. Pray to the Lord, v.3-4
- 3. Trust Him, v.5-6

How then should we seek to comfort those who are suffering?

- 1. Be encouraging, helpful and patient (1Thess. 5:14)
- 2. Be compassionate and empathetic (Rom. 12:15, Pr.25:20)
- 3. Use words in appropriate ways (Pr.25:11, Jn.16:12)
- 4. Listen well (Jam.1:19, Job 2:13, 13:5, 13)
- 5. Pray in a way that will sustain and lift up the suffering (2Cor.1:11)
- 6. Love in Christ (1Jn.3:18)

Discussion Questions: 1. How does Psalm 13 speak to you ?

2. Share your experience of losing a loved one?

3. In what ways can you be a comfort to those who lost a loved one recently?

- 4. Pray for that family now
- 5. Pray for yourselves to be ready to minister in Christlike manner to those who will be experiencing pain and grief.