

D.I.N.E. with Christ: Nurture

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2 Cor 1:3-7

3 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 have received from God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 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.

A Nurturing Christian...

1. **SEES PEOPLE THROUGH THE EYES OF CHRIST**

- God is calling us to have compassion for OTHERS because He has had compassion on US.

2 Cor 1:3

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Matt 9:36

When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Col 3:12-14

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

A Nurturing Christian...

2. **HAS BEEN COMFORTED**

- You can't comfort unless you have been comforted

2 Cor 1:3-4

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A Nurturing Christian...

3. **HAS SUFFERED**

- You can't be comforted unless you have suffered

2 Cor. 1:5

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Have you suffered?

God is molding you into His "Healing Agent".