



God Comforts

2 Corinthians 1

tuesdays with
Morrie

an old man, a young man,
and life's greatest lesson



Mitch Albom



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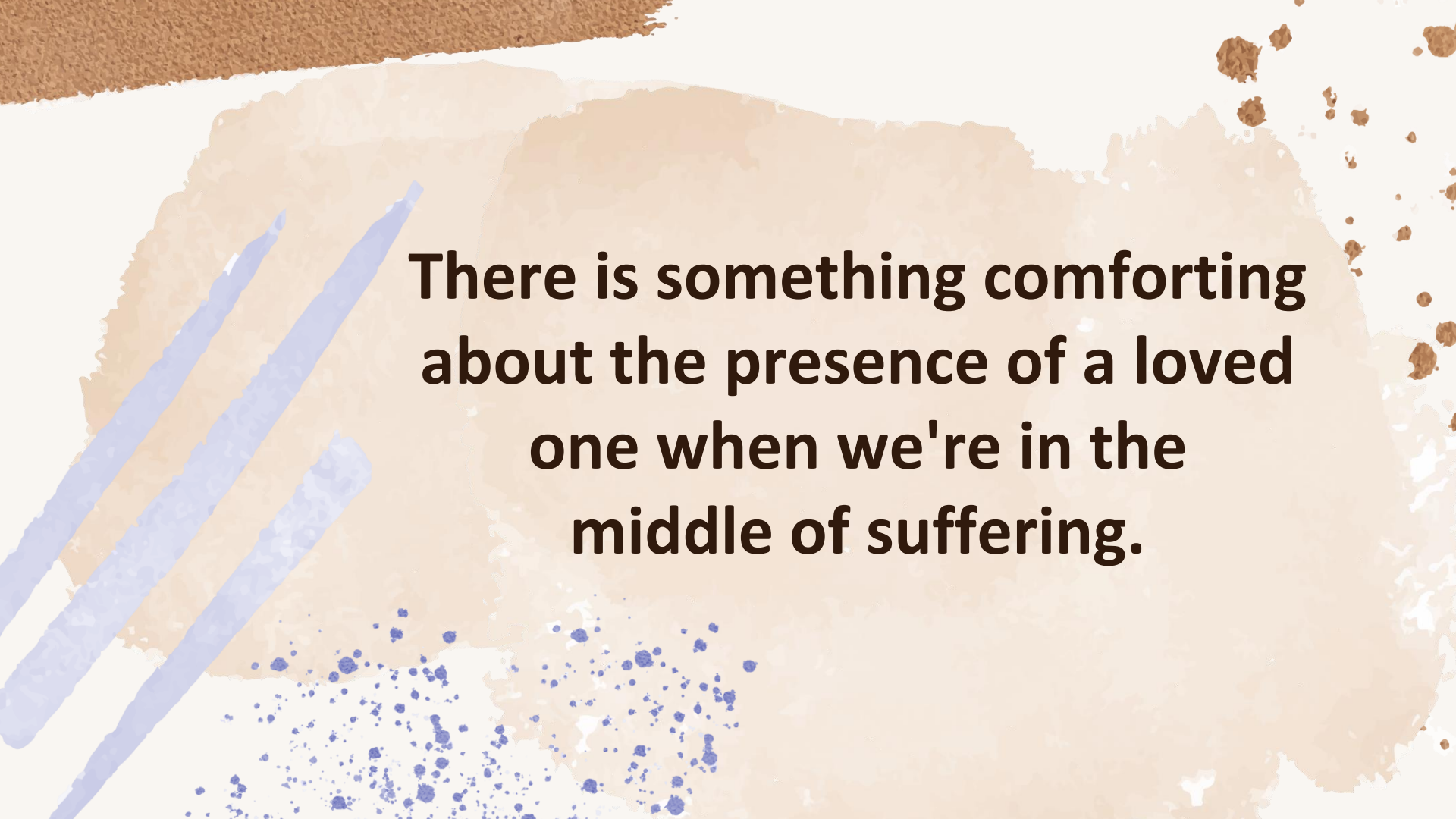
One afternoon, I'm complaining about the confusion of my age, what is expected of us versus what I want for myself.

"Have I told you about the tension of opposites?" he says. "Life is a series of pulls back & forth...A tension of opposites, like a pull on a rubber band. And most of us live somewhere in the middle."

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Sounds like a wrestling match, I say. "A wrestling match," he laughs. "Yes, you could describe life that way." So which side wins, I ask?

He smiles at me, the crinkled eyes, the crooked teeth. "Love wins. Love always wins."



**There is something comforting
about the presence of a loved
one when we're in the
middle of suffering.**

1 Corinthians



Divided

- Leaders
- Doctrinal issues
- Practical issues



Look to Christ

- Let the love of Christ unite us
- Don't rely on human wisdom




2 Corinthians:

still divided

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**still divided
rejected Paul**



Church at Corinth **focused**
and **was still focusing** on
the visual and external.

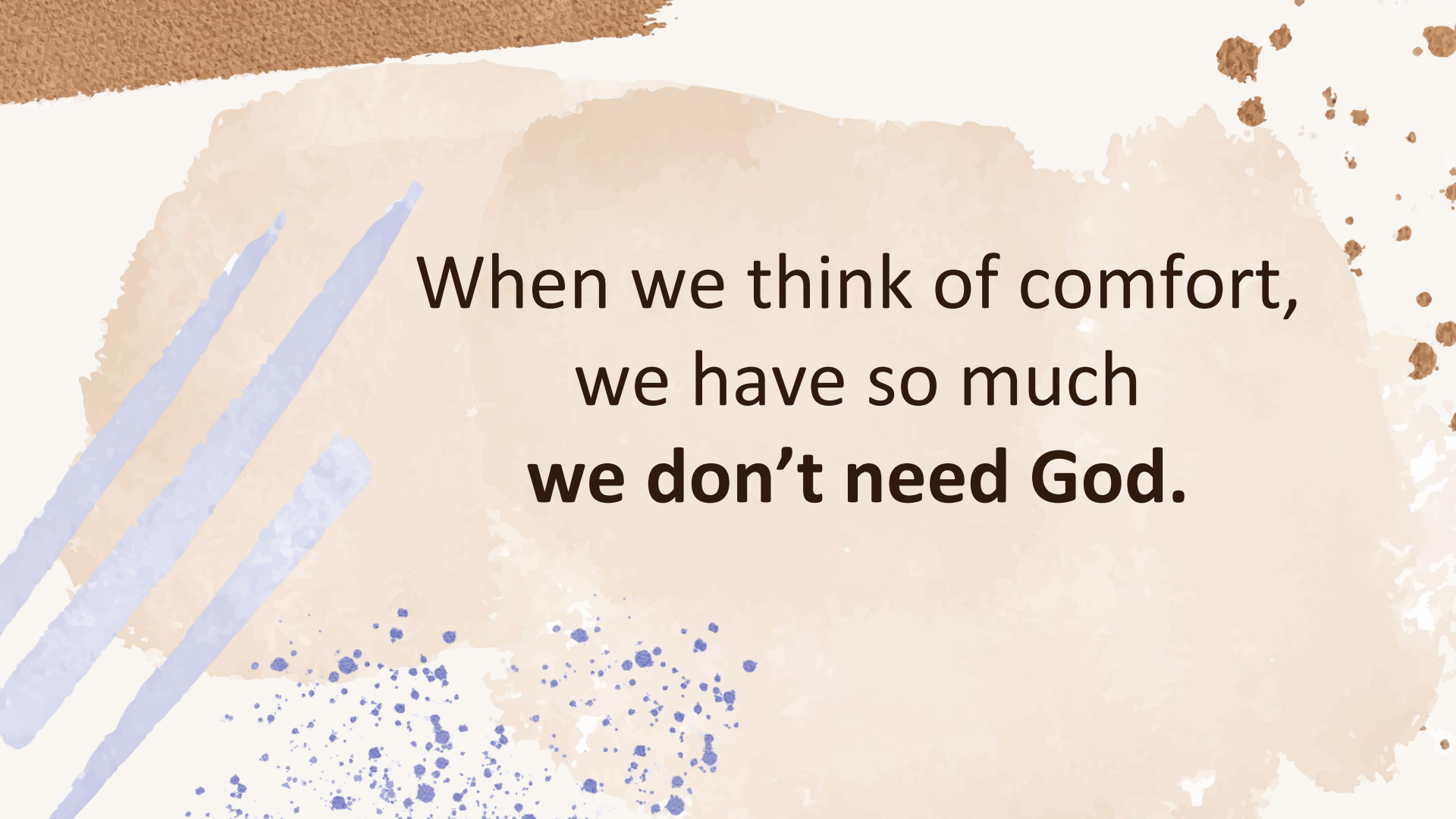
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2 Corinthians:

**back to the
Father**

2 Corinthians 1: 3

Blessed be the **God and Father**
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of mercies and God of all
comfort,'



When we think of comfort,
we have so much
we don't need God.

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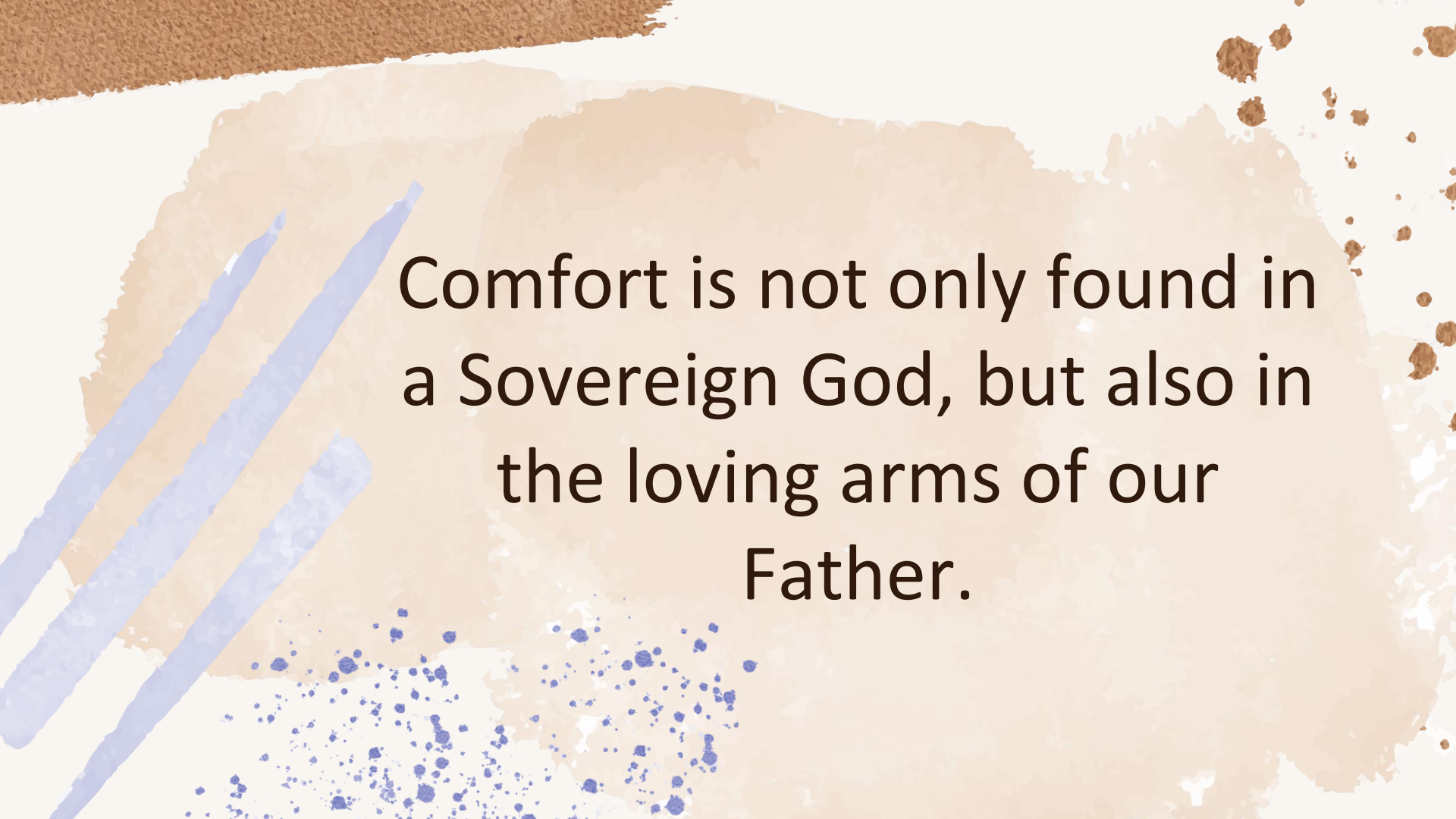
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Comfort is not only found in
a Sovereign God, but also in
the loving arms of our
Father.

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comfort

console

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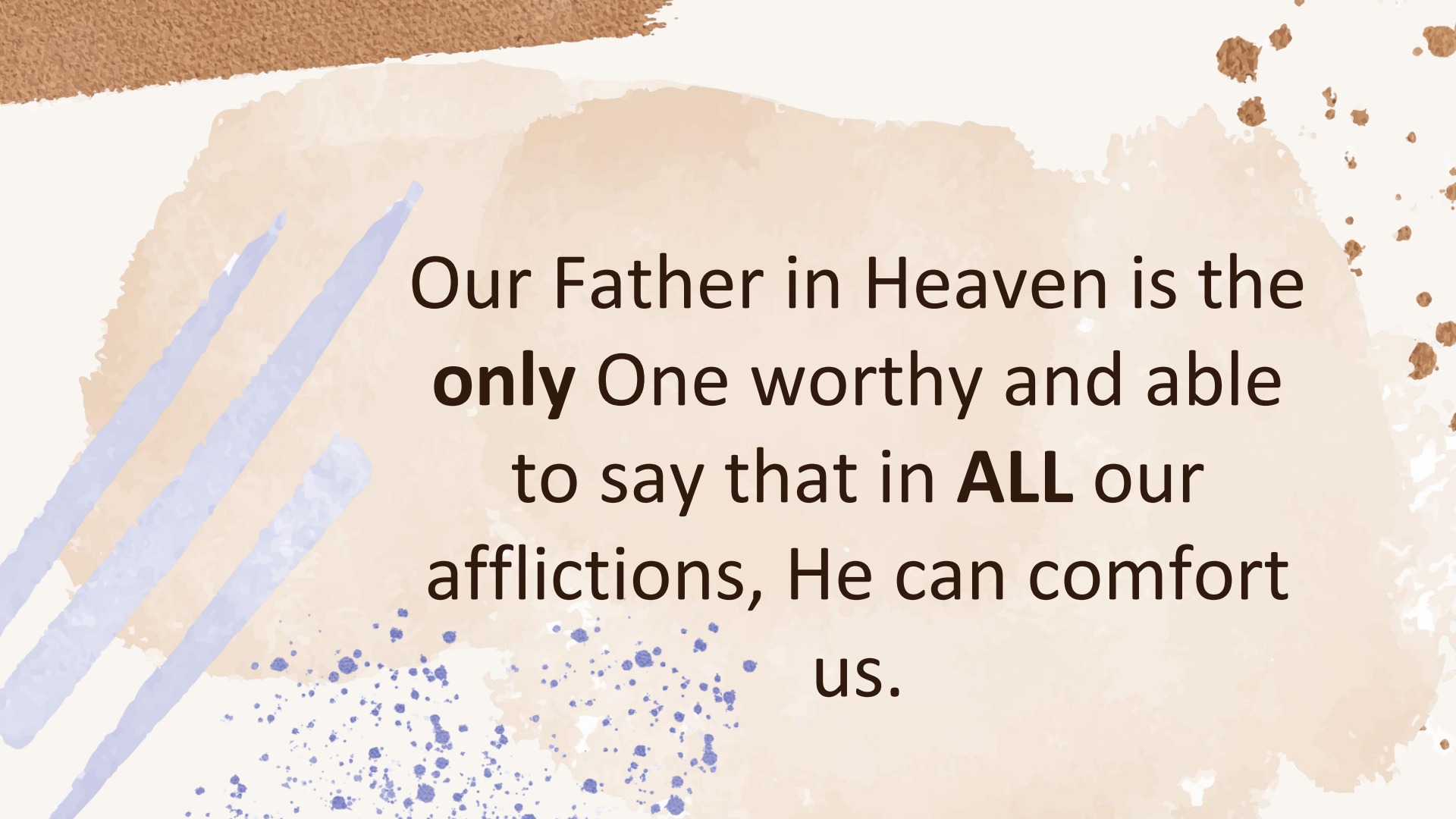
contentment

console:

emotions

2 Corinthians 1: 4

who comforts us in **all** our affliction,
so that we may be able to comfort
those who are in any affliction, with
the comfort with which we
ourselves are comforted by God.




Our Father in Heaven is the
only One worthy and able
to say that in **ALL** our
afflictions, He can comfort
us.

Daniel 3: 28

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said,
“**Blessed** be the God of Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, who has sent his angel
and delivered his servants, who trusted in
him, and set aside the king's command, and
yielded up their bodies rather than serve
and worship any god except their own God.

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Our connection, our link to
our God of comfort is
worship.

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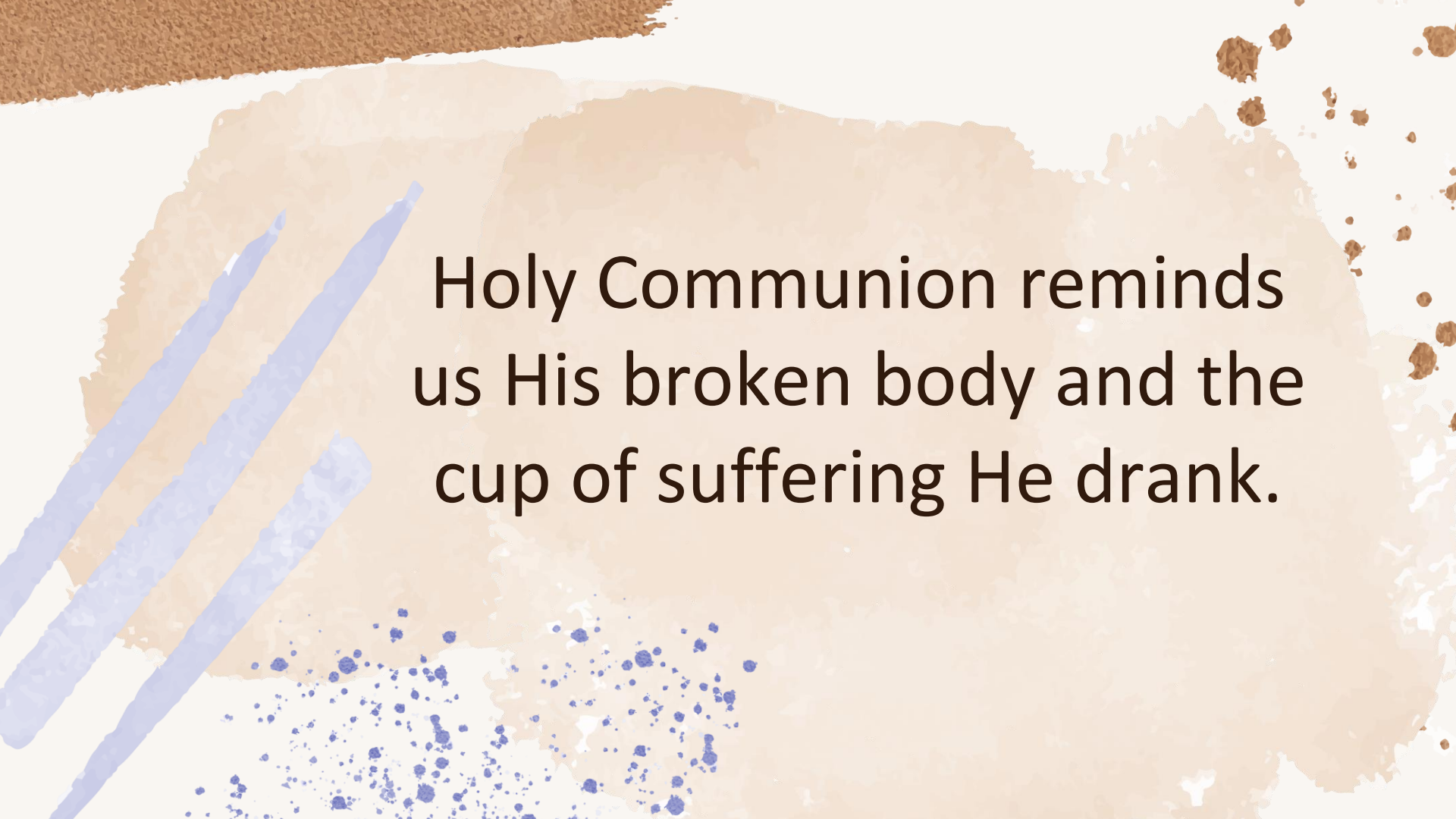
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2 Corinthians 1: 5

For as we share abundantly
in **Christ's** sufferings, so **through**
Christ we share abundantly in
comfort too.'

Romans 8: 31 - 32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us **all things**?




Holy Communion reminds
us His broken body and the
cup of suffering He drank.

2 Corinthians 1: 7

Our **hope** for you is **unshaken**,
for we know that as you share in
our sufferings, you will also
share in our comfort.'

Romans 5:

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.'



Are we willing to allow God
to comfort us?

How Firm A Foundation

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

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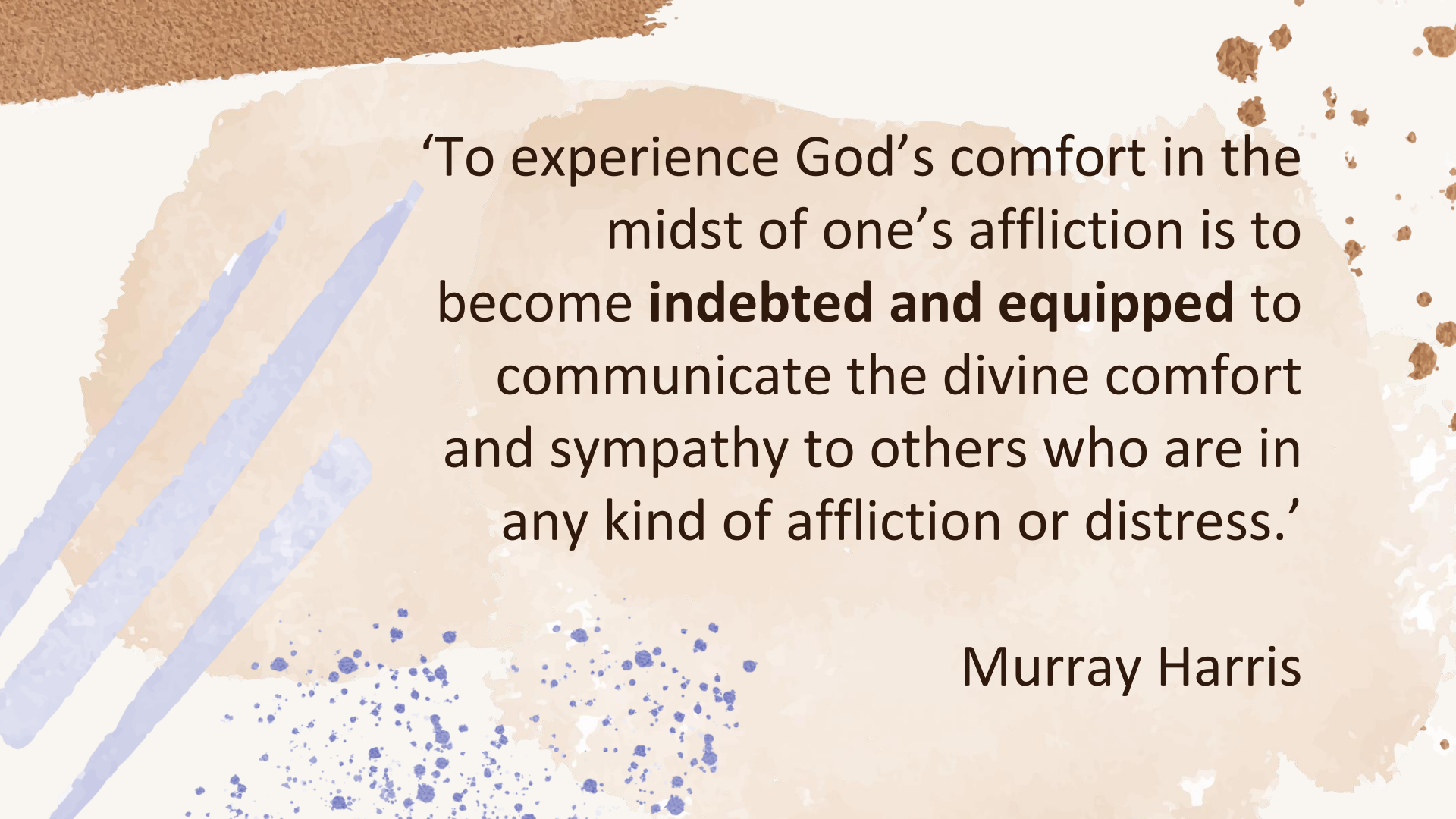
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‘that God is one who comforts us in **all** our affliction, **so that** we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.’



‘To experience God’s comfort in the
midst of one’s affliction is to
become **indebted and equipped** to
communicate the divine comfort
and sympathy to others who are in
any kind of affliction or distress.’

Murray Harris

2 Corinthians 1: 8 – 9

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

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We're called to comfort those around us, not simply with our own strength, intellect and wisdom but with the comfort God we have received from God.

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‘Have you ever really had a teacher? One who saw you as a raw but precious thing, a jewel that, with wisdom, could be polished to a proud shine? If you are lucky enough to find your way to such teachers, you will always find your way back. Sometimes it is only in your head. Sometimes it is right alongside their beds.

Tuesdays with Morrie

The last class of my old professor's life took place once a week, in his home, by a window in his study where he could watch a small hibiscus plant shed its pink flowers. The class met on Tuesdays. No books were required. The subject was the meaning of life. It was taught from experience.

The teaching goes on.'