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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**01/14/13 - Instruments of Comfort**

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2 Corinthians 1:1-11

The January air was bitterly cold. Mountains of snow had been formed on either side of our path. Our unusual trek took us off the nonnegotiable main road, through the farm pasture, then back across the icy trail to the quiet cemetery. We were traveling to the burial plot of my wife's mother. Standing, shivering, huddled together, we paid our last respects to our beloved parent and friend. Little did we know, at that time, the influence that experience would make on one of our students.

Time passed. One day, tragedy crashed in on our young friend. Her father was tragically killed in an accident. During the weeks of her grief, she sought out my wife, "I want to talk to you as I know you will understand what I am going through." Together, they were able to connect. My wife was able to support and to comfort our friend's hurting heart.

Second Corinthians 1:3-4 helps us understand why we have to go through troubles. Through the comfort God gives us, we can, in turn, comfort others. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to love through us.

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