



Rod + Staff | Psalm 23:4 (p. 474)
Pastor Josh Rose

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_____ + _____ = _____

David's comfort came from God's _____ and

_____.

God's _____ is not always _____.

- God won't put out all _____
but He will _____.

Now it's our turn ...

Comfort doesn't come from filling _____,

but from craving _____.

PRACTICE → _____ in order to _____.

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Discussion Questions for Sermon-Based Life Groups

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CONNECTING

1. Can you think of a time (or times) in your life when you wished God would have used His rod or staff a little more than He did? What was it? Why do you wish He would have been more involved than He appeared to be?

GROWING

2. "Comfort doesn't really come from the rod or the staff, but from the One holding them."
 - a. Why is this true?
 - b. Why does it have to be true?
 - c. Why is it sometimes challenging to maintain this perspective?
 - d. How is this truth finding its place in your life?
3. What implications does this quote have for you as you seek comfort in life?

"Comfort is the one thing you cannot get by looking for it. If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end. If you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth – only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin with and, in the end, despair."
– C.S. Lewis

SHARING

4. "Comfort doesn't come from filling my cravings, but from craving God's filling."
 - a. What does it mean to crave God's filling?
 - b. How do you do that?
 - c. If you were to fast in order to feast, what might that look like for you this next week?

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Rod + Staff = Comfort

David's comfort came from God's **superior power** and **unmatched wisdom**.

God's **comfort** is not always **comfortable**.

God won't put out all **your fires**, but He will **meet you in the midst of them**.

Now it's our turn ...

Comfort doesn't come from filling **my cravings**, but from craving **God's filling**.

Practice: **Fast** in order to **feast**.