

# Sexual Harassment and Assault



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## The Catholic Church Drives the Nail into Its Own Moral Authority

By JIM GERAGHTY | August 20, 2013 10:33 AM



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I expect no sympathy, but bear with me as I try to restart the mental engine with caffeine after a whirlwind — awoken early Sunday morning in Salzburg, Austria, and get the suitcases, wife, and children to the train station; take

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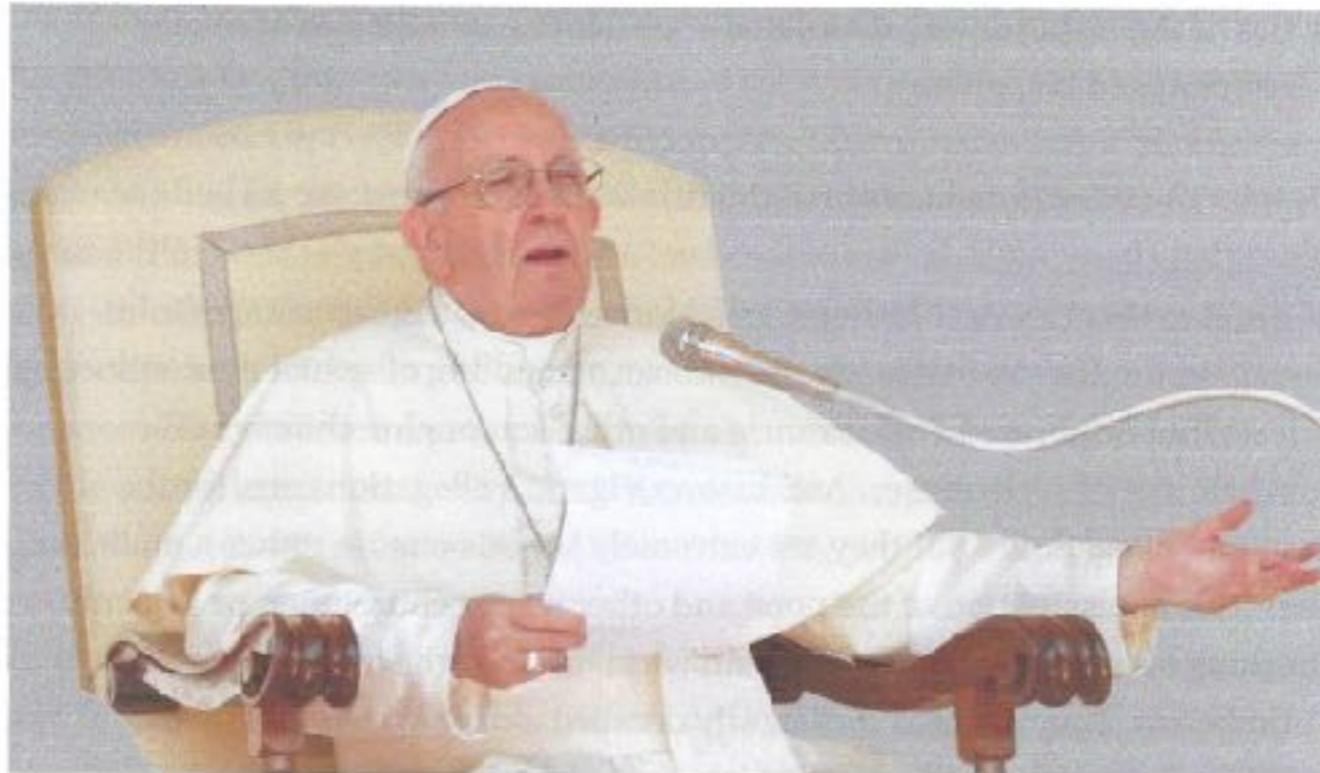
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## Is the Pope a Catholic?

By JOHN O'SULLIVAN | August 29, 2018 10:51 AM



Pope Francis leads the Wednesday general audience in Saint Peter's square at the Vatican, August 29, 2018.

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Francis himself is accused of participating in the cover-up of abuse by priests.

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# Definitions

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- Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual behavior (but not touch) that creates an uncomfortable or intimidating environment. It may include stares, innuendos, phone calls, or exhibitionism.
- Sexual assault is unwanted sexual behavior accomplished through manipulation, deception, coercion often using abuse of authority, threat, intimidation, force, and violence.

Current news  
and movements

# #MeToo Movement

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STOP sexual ASSAULT and HARASSMENT



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# #MeToo Movement

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- Some have referred to the #MeToo movement as the third wave of feminism.
- Predatory men in business, politics, athletics, and media have been able to get away with sexual harassment.
- Victims are feeling free to speak out and expose what has been taking place.
- This is also happening in the church and religious organizations.

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# Hollywood

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# The Growing List

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# Business - Workplace



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## The Predator, the Diplomat, and the Pope

By MICHAEL BRENDAN DOUGHERTY | August 27, 2018 11:10 AM



Pope Francis speaks with the media onboard a plane during his flight back from a trip in Dublin, Ireland August

26, 2018. (Gregorio Borgia/Reuters)

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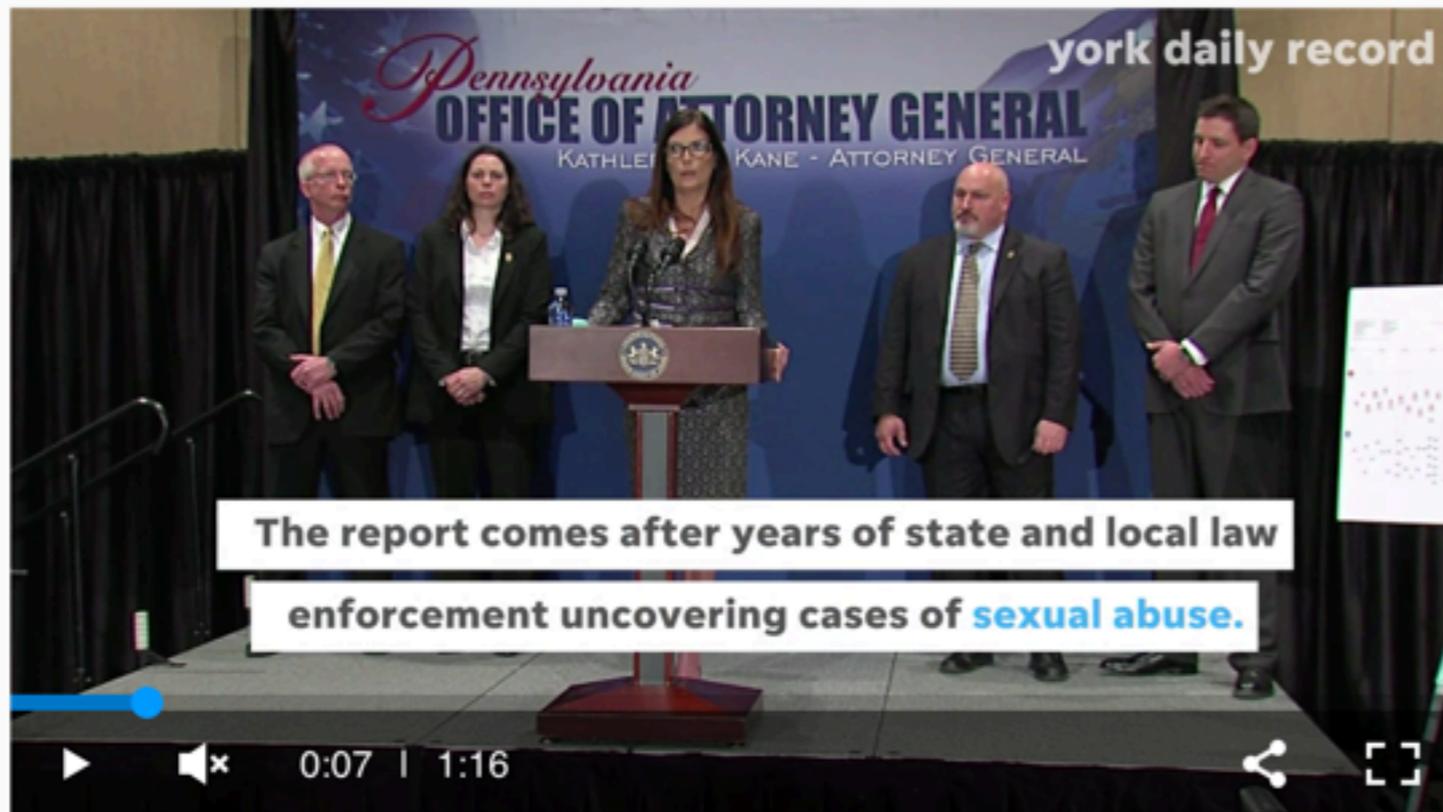
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- Last month a grand jury in Pennsylvania identified more than 300 “predator priests” in six dioceses who over the course of 70 years have molested and assaulted nearly 1,000 children.
- Two weeks ago, a Vatican diplomat published an eleven-page letter implicating Pope Francis. He alleges that the Pope knew of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick’s misdeeds with seminarians in 2013.

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## Lies and cover-ups: Catholic church in Pennsylvania had 'playbook' to keep priest abuse secret, FBI said

USA TODAY NETWORK Mike Argento, York Daily Record Published 7:27 p.m. ET Aug. 16, 2018 | Updated 10:46 a.m. ET Aug. 17, 2018



The attorney general's report comes after years of state and local law enforcement uncovering cases of sexual abuse within the Catholic church. Nate Chute, IndyStar

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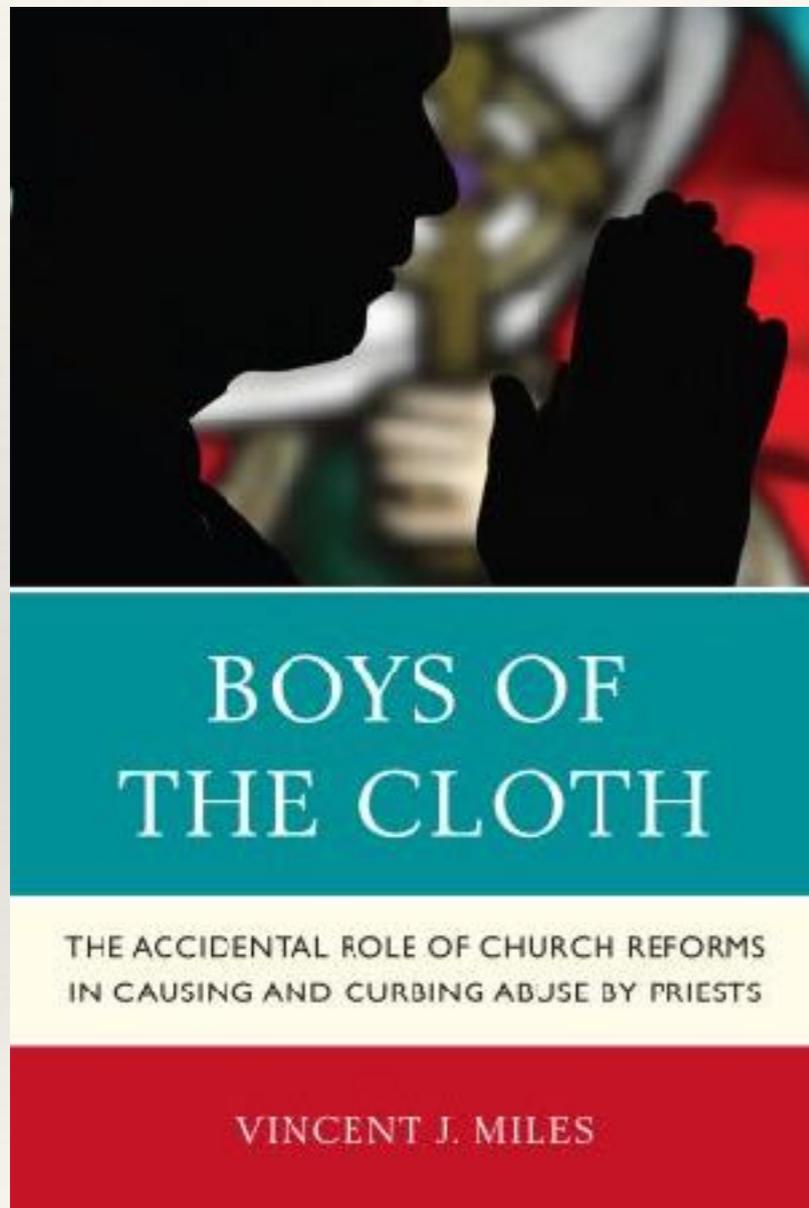
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## Why it's so hard to hold priests accountable for sex abuse



By Carolyn M. Warner Arizona State University

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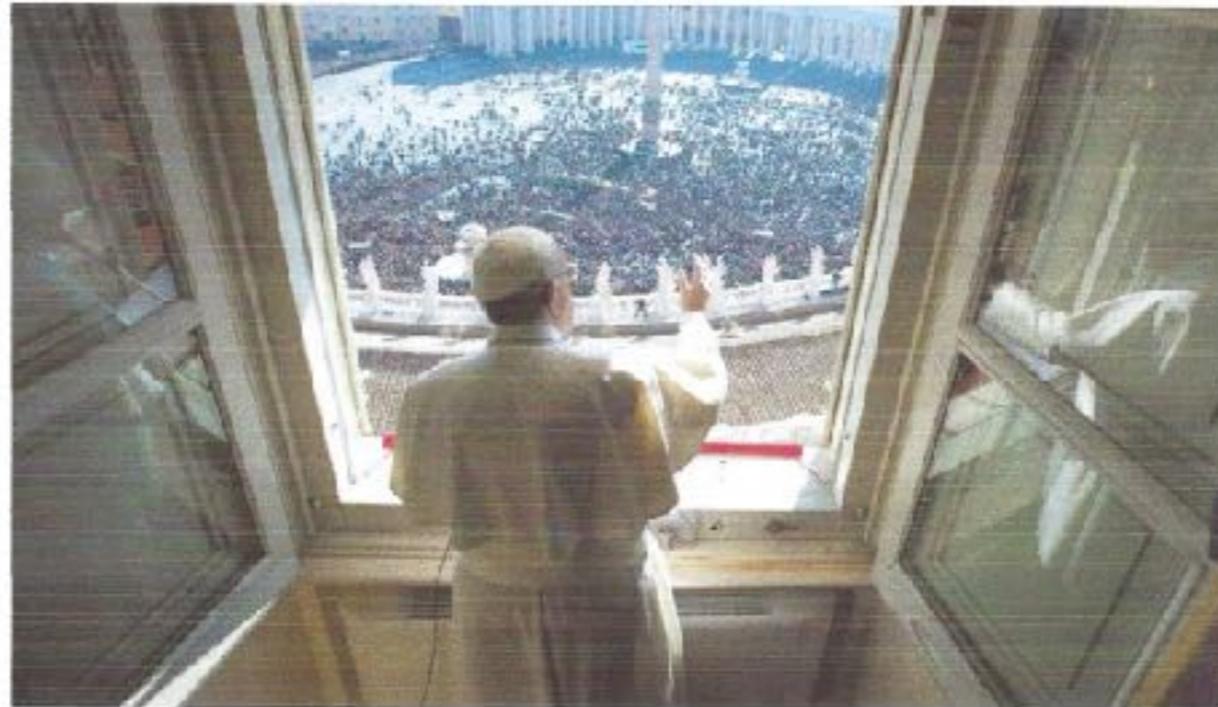
# Should We Care?

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## Protestants Should Care Deeply about the Catholic Catastrophe

By DAVID FRENCH | August 27, 2016 9:17 PM



Pope Francis leads the Sunday Angelus prayer in Saint Peter's square, January 29, 2017. (AP/Wide World Photos/Markus Sapa)

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The health of one Christian church is of massive importance to all the others.

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# Should We Care?

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- The church is like a navy, a collection of ships united in purpose and in destination.
- Each denomination is like a different ship in the navy, and while each crew is primarily tasked with the health and well-being of its own vessel, it's also deeply invested in the strength of the fleet.
- Each vessel is more vulnerable as the fleet weakens.

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- First, we cannot forget that each and every revelation of abuse is the revelation of a life-altering (and sometimes life-shattering) event for the victim and a faith-crippling moment for friends, family and countless others.
- Second, given the plethora of recent sexual scandals in Evangelical churches and seminaries, the Catholic catastrophe should remind us that perhaps only the lack of an equivalent hierarchy has spared Evangelical churches from similar, systemic sin.

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- Third, repetitional harm to the church can sweep far and wide — well beyond the guilty parties themselves. No one should presume that in an increasingly secular world our fellow citizens can so easily discern the good guys and the bad guys.
- Finally, there are immense theological stakes for the larger church. It is becoming a conflict between traditionalists and those who seek greater “inclusion.”

# Biblical Perspective

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# Unwholesome Talk

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Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

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# Kindness and Love

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To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit.

1 Peter 3:8

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# Pure Heart

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But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

Matthew 15:18-19

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# God Hates Violence

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The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Psalm 11:5

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# God Keeps Watch

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The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears attentive to their cry; but the  
face of the Lord is against those who do  
evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

Psalm 34:15-16

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# God Will Guard

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He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

1 Samuel 2:9-10

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# God Heals Wounded Hearts

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.

Isaiah 61:1

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# God Has Plans to Prosper You

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For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

# Practical Advice

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# Many Faces of Harassment

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- Workplace - degrading remarks, threatening someone with loss of promotion or job, creating a “hostile work environment.”
- Education - trading favors for grades, teacher or professors pressuring students, demeaning comments.
- Dating - indecent remarks, pressure to perform, need to clearly learn to say NO.
- Church - spiritual leader abuses spiritual authority.

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# Power Dynamics

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- Many of the high-visible cases of sexual harassment occurred because the harasser used his power and position over others.
- Harassers may be using their power over others intentionally, but sometimes not understand they are perpetrating sexual harassment.
- Men and women view talk about sexuality differently and send the wrong emotional signals.

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# Sexual Predator

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- Often acts aggressively toward others.
- Seems to lack empathy toward others.
- Encroaches on your activities.
- Acts possessive of you and your time.
- Asks intrusive questions about your life.
- Uses the “blame game” to make you feel guilty.

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# Sexual Predator

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There is no fear of God before his eyes. For it flatters him in his own eyes. Concerning the discovery of his iniquity and the hatred of it. The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good. He plans wickedness upon his bed; He sets himself on a path that is not good; He does not despise evil.

Psalm 36:1-4

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# Healing

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- Three stages of recovery:
  - Trauma stage - 2 days to 2 weeks, traumatized emotionally, physically, and mentally.
  - Teetering stage - for up to a year or longer, victim will teeter up and down, suppressing emotions and surfacing emotions.
  - Trusting stage - survivor may begin to feel increased calm.

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# Comfort

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- God has created us with certain inner needs: love, significance, and security. We find our comfort in Him.
- Love - “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you” (John 15:12).
- Significance - “I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me” (Psalm 57:2).
- Security - “Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for children it will be a refuge” (Proverbs 14:26).

