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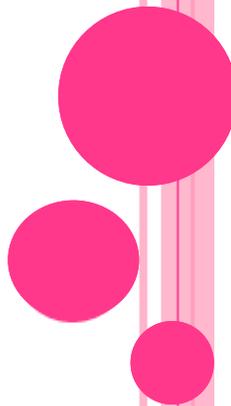
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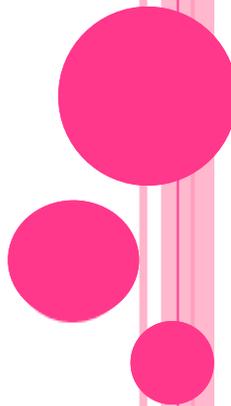
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2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How has God comforted you in your troubles so that you can comfort others with the same hope He has given you?
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4. Describe how unforgiveness can hold you hostage and keep you from moving forward in hope.
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