



## Comforting Presence

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A thunderclap made Misty cower and whimper. She was a beautiful border collie mix of some sort – friendly, and very, very active! But she just hated lightning and thunder!

So, my wife would sit with her, arm draped over her quivering shoulders. And, although Misty couldn't understand my scientific explanation of things, she seemed to take comfort in my wife's consoling presence.

We don't always understand the Creator's explanation of disturbing things, but he does offer his presence, his arm around the shoulders. He may seem distant and unapproachable, but his prophet Isaiah quoted his offer:

I dwell on a high and holy place,  
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit,  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
And to revive the heart of the contrite.

(Isaiah 57:15)

God bless you with peace, and revive you, each day, with a loving sense of his presence.