

GOD CARES

In Jesus, we are adopted into the family of God. We are His children, and the Bible is clear that God cares for His children.

Have you ever worried that God doesn't care for you? Maybe you have thought, "I don't want to bother God with the small things." or "This is too big even for God. I am not sure He cares." The good news is that although these doubts and fears are an everyday experience for us, they are not true. The Bible is a megaphone through which God calls, "I care for and about you."

Here are some verses to remind you of this truth;

Psalm 34:15 - "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry."

1 Peter 5:7 - "casting all your anxieties on him because he cares for you."

Psalm 136:1-3 - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of the gods for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Sometimes emotions, experiences, circumstances and maybe even other people say to us, "God doesn't care." The truth is, worrying if God cares is a waste of energy. He does care and, as His child, you are NEVER not under His care.

An author named Paul Tripp said this; "If the big question isn't whether God cares, then maybe the real question, one that is more practical to us all, is, will I recognize God's care when it comes?" It has taken me many years to realize that God's care is not one-size-fits-all. Sometimes God's care is in dealing with consequences. Other times it is in relief of pain or finding a solution to a problem.

Reflection

When I question God's care, I have found that the most effective way to combat this doubt is to reflect on the gospel. Jesus cared, so He lived perfectly on our behalf. He cared about our sin, so He died for it. He cared that we receive salvation, so He rose again. He cares that we are still experiencing pain, suffering, confusion and affliction, so He promises to come again.

Life can throw some crazy stuff at us. People will hurt us, or life will be very hard and out of our control. So in the moments of life when we feel lost or even at peace, stop and remind ourselves: "This is God caring for me."

For further study - Romans 8:31-39