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Q: "I'm feeling so down. I feel that no one really loves me or would even care if I wasn't around. I'm not even sure if God cares about me."

1 Peter 5:6-7 "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

A: A woman in the Bible named Hagar, had been used by Abraham and Sarah to birth a child that would not even be considered her own child. Hagar despaired because she thought that God didn't care about her, but He did. But first Hagar had to call upon God to help her. God sees you in your despair. He wants to lift you up and take away all your cares if you will come to Him.

*Genesis 16:13 "And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, **'Thou God seest me:** for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?"*

Q: "It isn't easy for me to trust that God cares or that He sees me. The Bible people saw God so they knew He cared about them, but He hasn't appeared to me so how do I know? I feel so far away from God, and lonely and hurting. I can't call upon God expectantly because He doesn't answer me. I'm tired of trying because things never change no matter how hard I try."

*Isaiah 53:2-4 "...He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. **He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief:** and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; **He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.** Surely **He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...**"*

A: Jesus knows how you feel because He felt that way too. Jesus is the Lord God, who became a man in His Son, in a human body, so He could bear all those sorrows for you. Jesus already paid the price of all our suffering on the cross, so that no one ever needs to stay lonely and hurting, or feel far away from the Lord. Jesus loves you and He is not willing to let you stay that way.

*2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord...is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish,** but that all should come to repentance."*

Q: "That's nice for church people, but my family doesn't even go to church, so the verses about God caring about His people are not talking about me. If God really cares about me, then why hasn't He ever cared about me before?"

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

A: The Bible was written for all of God's creation, for all people of all time. God has cared and weeps for you, but you have not known it. Jesus wants to be near to you.

James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded."

Q: "But I don't know how to come near to God. I already know that I'm not good enough and messed up, what if I'm just too far away?"

Ephesians 2:13 "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

A: Jesus paid the price by shedding His own blood for you on the cross, because He wants you to learn about Him and come to Him so He can heal your heart.

Revelation 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

A: God cares about you! Come to Jesus. Where Jesus is there are no broken hearts and He has prepared a place for you, waiting and ready for you to come to Him!

John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Q: "Heaven sounds nice, but I am hurting right now, and I can't wait that long."

John 10:10 "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

A: Jesus knows that you need a happy life full of blessings now, that's why He came to earth to bring salvation for everyone, even while you and I, nor anyone who was ever born, did nothing to deserve it.

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Q: "I do want to know God, but how? How do I find salvation for me?"

John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Q: "I believe in Jesus and I do want Him in my life. How do I receive Him and become a child of God?"

Romans 10:9,10 & 13 "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Q: "Is it really that easy, I just ask Him?"

Ephesians 2:8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

Yes, when you believe, God gives you grace to open the door of your heart, and He comes in.

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

Q: "So what do I do now?"

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Repent, means to be sorry for your sins - to turn away from them, and baptism is the picture of you dying to yourself and raising up from the grave to a new life in Jesus Christ, with His promise to fill you with His Spirit!

PRAYER: Dear Lord God, I believe in my heart that Jesus died for my sins and raised from the dead. I ask you to forgive me and cleanse me of all my sins. Lord Jesus, I receive you now as my Savior and my Lord. Please come into my heart and my life to stay. Thank you for making me Your own child, and for Your promise to fill me with your Holy Spirit, **in Jesus name**, Amen.

You are now a new creation in Christ Jesus!

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Q: But what does it mean to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ?

A: You are saved by faith; obeying the Gospel shows Him what you believe in your heart.

Mark 16:15-16 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Q: What if I mess up?

1 John 1:7,9 "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Walk with Jesus because you love Him, and WHEN you mess up, confess your sin to Him, for He is faithful to forgive you, cleanse you, and perform His work in you until He comes!

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