



HE CARES FOR YOU

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Have you ever been in great despair? I have and it is usually at night when I am trying to sleep that I am captured by some trauma. It is amazing to me that we struggle so continuously with a problem we cannot solve. We toss and turn, wondering how we can resolve the dilemma. Then often, when the sun comes up, we arise to moan and groan, rehashing the drama of our night, hour after hour.

Over the years, I have found the answer. During the night, the very minute I realize the condition of my heart, I go to my favorite chair in our office and pray in the Spirit. What a privilege to speak to our Father in a language beyond our understanding!

I always continue to pray until I can lay my concern in the Father's arms and sleep peacefully. The apostle Peter writes, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."¹ When someone cares for you, they want to help you.

When you hire a yardman, you want more than a written report. You want help! If he comes to your door with a long list of suggestions but does not offer his strength and expertise, you would be confused. You want him to work in your yard, to change and to perfect it.

The T4T translation, which may not be familiar to you, declares, "Because he takes care of you, let him take care of all the things that you are worried/concerned about." Did you notice that it said, "LET HIM take care of all the things that you

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See not in your patience the length of time and weariness, but God's faithfulness. What our mind views as neglect, our heart knows as His consistency. He is the God who changes not. He is and was and is to come. He is everlasting. He is forever.

View His covenant with Abraham. From one man has come peoples, nations, more than the dust of the earth and the stars in the sky. What says the psalms of this? For God knows all the stars by name. And we hear from astronomers that they are ever-growing, constantly increasing.

Infinite.

Can an eternal God, one who has always been, create a world, an earth, that will always sustain? What we view as dying, He sees as restored to life. Where there is sickness and weakness and mental distress, where we see what looks like stones, He sees praises. Not as ego. He needs no podium of men. But as healing. For in Him we live and move and have our being. His is the root and the life in it. Ours are the blossoms. The fruit.

The branches tire. They droop with age and suffering, but such is winter. See though spring. Here, what seems dead shows its life and green and abundance and from it comes summer and fall with its harvest. Were all harvest there'd be no planting. Were all planting there'd be no growing. But growing leads to picking and tasting. And tasting to baking, to blending of oil and spice, flour and eggs and sweetening.

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are worried about"? This means I give all my worries to Him and yield to His loving care. When someone asks me, "What in the world are you going to do?" I instantly reply, I gave that problem to God and He is solving it."

One night I was so disturbed that I prayed longer than usual. Finally, I got it into God's hand and out of my mind. The next night the same thought rose again. I found that I had given the predicament to God during the night and reclaimed it at daylight. Once again, I spent much time in prayer and released the struggle to God. When you are doing the right thing, don't give up.

During these sessions of prayer, I always go to the verse that anchors me. I quote it over and over, digesting every word. In Isaiah 41:10, it says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." I love this verse.

When someone is dismayed, he is alarmed, bewildered, and apprehensive. Yet, after the Scripture says, "Be not dismayed," it gives the reason that we can be free. It says, "For I am thy God." I wondered for years what that might mean. But one glorious day, the Holy Spirit opened up my understanding.

I found my answer in Genesis 17:7. When God established His covenant with Abraham and his seed or heirs, He said, "I will be a God unto thee and to thy seed." In verse 8, He speaks again to the seed or children of Abraham promising, "I will be their God."

This is the cry of every parent to their children. We intend to be mother and dad to them. This means we will care for them, meet every need, and always be available. I know this reflects the heart of God because He said, "I WILL BE GOD."

God promises never to leave us. He commits Himself to help us and to uphold us. To uphold us means to support us and to keep us from falling. Doesn't this sound like every good parent and isn't God our Father? He is "Our Father in heaven"!

We must follow the Scripture and give all our concerns to God our Father. When we leave them in His hands, He CAN do – He WILL do – what is impossible. The songwriter said, "Give them all to

Jesus.

Shattered dreams, wounded hearts, broken toys ... Give them all to Jesus and He will turn your sorrows into joy."²

DO IT NOW! DO IT TODAY! God our Father and Jesus our Lord will help you!

¹1Pe 5:7 ²"Give Them All To Jesus" by Christy Lane, 1981

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For a cake is made up of all of these. From their blending comes celebration. Give Him your celebration, the blending of all those things that make you, you, and see Him enter them and take of all that's ragged and tattered and form ribbons and lace. Death is but a doorway to more eternal things. But eternity starts here. On earth has come heaven, which seasons us with love and grace. Enough for generations. For a life worth living, hope worth having, and His goodness in us the highlight of all of it.

The strength of growing. He is our healing, our needs met, our pockets full to overflowing, our hearts and minds made whole.

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WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT YOU

- With the Eternal so close, I cannot fail. (Ps 16:8, Moffatt)
- My heart is glad, my soul is full of joy, and my body is at rest. (Ps 16:9 VOICE)
- My soul is restored. (Ps 23:3)
- I have great peace because I love God's Word and so nothing offends me. (Ps 119:165)
- He preserves my soul. (Ps 121:7)
- God's divine power frees my mind, heals my heart, and frees me from fear. (1Co 10:4, Remedy)
- I am free of the bondage of my past. (Gal 5:1 TPT)
- My thoughts and my heart are quiet and at rest. (Php 4:7 TLB)
- My health is good, and my mind is sharp, clear and at peace. (1Jn 1:2, Remedy)
- I have abiding peace, rest, and serenity in every aspect of my life and being. (2Th 3:16, Remedy)