

# Building a relationship with God

*"We love God because he loved us first." 1 John 4:10*

## **PART 1: UNDERSTANDING (HIS) LOVE FOR YOU!**

*The following Bible verses are paraphrased.*

### **He knows you.**

#### **1. God has counted every hair you have!**

**Matthew 10:29-31**, "Aren't two birds sold for a nickel? And not one of them will fall to the ground without Your Fathers (God) permission. But the very hairs of your head are counted. So don't be afraid, because you are worth so much more than any bird"

#### **2. He knows what you are made of!**

**Psalms 103:10-14, As dust**, "God has not given us what we deserve for sinning, or punished us for our evilness, For as high are the heavens above the earth, So great are Gods mercy to those who respect Him. As far as the east is from the west, this is how far God has removed our sins from us. Like a Father who cares for His children, so the Lord cares for those who respect Him. Because He knows what we are made of, He knows we are just dirt from the ground."

#### **3. He knows all you do!**

**Psalms 139:1-18**, "God you know me, what I think, when I sit, when I stand, when I lay down, you know every word I speak, I can never leave your presence, you are always there, night and day are the same to you, I can not hide, You made me in my moms womb, I will praise you, because I am wonderfully made, You saw me before I was formed, You have already decide how long I will live, so I will not fear death, How precious are your thoughts of me, They are so many I can not count them all, If I could they would be more than all the sand of every sea and ocean."

#### **4. You are made in the image of God!**

**Genesis 1:27**, "Your Father in heaven created you to be like him, in the image of the one true God, He created you."

#### **5. He will provide you all of your needs!**

**Matthew 6:25-35**, "Therefore I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink: or even for your body, like what you will wear. Is not life more than food and clothing? So don't think or say, what will I eat, what will I drink, or what clothes will I have. Because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. So seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you. Now don't worry about tomorrow. Because there is enough trouble for today without worrying about what might happen tomorrow."

### **He wants to be your strength.**

#### **1. God knew you before you were born!**

**Jeremiah 1:5**, "Before I made you in your mom's belly, I knew you."

#### **2. He will deliver you from your troubles!**

**Jeremiah 1:19** "The Lord says, they will fight against you, but they will not win, because I am with you, to rescue you."

#### **3. He is always with you!**

**Joshua 1:9**, "Haven't I commanded you? So be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid or discouraged. Because the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go."

#### **4. He is your shield from harm!**

**Psalms 5:11-12**, "But let all those that put their trust in you God rejoice: let them always shout for joy, because you defend them: let them also who love your name be very happy in you. For you, Lord, will bless the righteous; with your favor, you will circle around them, as with a shield."

#### **5. He will give you strength!**

**Psalms 27: 1-14**, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, so why should I fear anybody? The Lord is the strength of my life; so who will I be afraid of? Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart: be patient with the Lord."

### **God Loves you.**

#### **1. The greatest act of love!**

**John 15:13**, "The greatest love a man can have, is dying for his friends."

#### **2. God gave his only son!**

**John 3:16**, "God so loved you, that he gave his only begotten Son, that if you believe in him, you should not die, but have everlasting life."

#### **3. Nothing can separate us from Gods love!**

**Romans 8:31-39**, "If God is for us who can be against us? For I am persuaded, that neither death, life, angels, evils spirits, the law, things present, the things in my past, height, depth, nor any creature, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### **4. The Greatest gift is love!**

**1st Corinthians 13:2 + 13**, "If I do not have love, I am nothing, so continue to have faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."

#### **5. God will give you rest!**

**Mathew 11:28-30**, "Every one who is tired, come to me, I will give you rest, Do it my way and learn of me: because I am meek, and lowly of heart: and you will find rest for your souls. My way is easy and my burden is light."

#### **6. Your Father never sleeps!**

**Psalms 121: 1-8**, "The one that keeps you will not slumber, The Lord is your keeper, and the Lord will preserve you from all evil: he will preserve your soul. The Lord will preserve your comings and goings, from now and forever."