



Part 1: How Much Do You Really Care About Me?

"...God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us..."
Romans 5:8 NLT

Because of the risen Christ, I can have God's...

1. _____ for my past

"All of us have sinned... yet God declares us 'not guilty' if we trust in Jesus Christ, who by his grace freely takes away our sins." Rom.3:23-24 LB

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."
Rom. 8:1, 2 NLT

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." Rom. 6:4 NLT

2. _____ for my present

"I need something more! I obviously need help. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway... I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. ...Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does." Rom. 7: 15, 21-25 TM

"...the Spirit helps us in our weakness..." Rom. 8:26 NIV

"...let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed." Rom. 12:2 (Phillips)

3. _____ for my future

"We will also be raised as He was." Rom. 6:5 NLT

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18 NIV

"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a child-like, 'What's next, Papa?'" Rom 8:15 TM

4. _____ through it all!

"I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't. Angels can't, and demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away! ...nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39 NLT

*"Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new **relationship** with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us **friends** of God." Rom. 5:11 NLT*

A Life Changing Prayer

"Dear God, Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to earth. I believe Jesus was who He said He was and proved it by rising from death. I want to discover and begin following Your plan for my life. I want to get to know You personally. Thank You Jesus Christ for dying for me and forgiving all my sins. I accept You as my Lord and Savior, and Your free gift of eternal life. Amen."

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to "take it home": Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought-provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

This week's memory verse: *"Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God." Rom. 5:11 NLT*

Monday

Which of the four points helped you most to understand how much God cares for you and why?

Read Rom. 5:8. List two ways Christ's death and resurrection impacted you this Easter season.

- 1.
- 2.

Thank God today for His care and love for you. Thank Him for forgiving your sins. Ask Him to help you live today with an attitude of gratefulness.

Tuesday

Read Isa. 43:18-19, Rom. 3:23-24, 6:4 & 8:1-2. Each one of us has our "cringe sins" - the things you have done that you are so ashamed of. These verses can be almost impossible to believe at times.

According to these verses what is God's perspective on your past sins? How does this encourage you?

What would it feel like to believe God's forgiveness?

Thank God today for His incredible forgiveness. Ask Him for the faith to live like someone who has a clean slate. Ask Him for the mercy to extend this gift to people in your life.

Wednesday

As you read Rom. 7:15, 21-25; 8:26 & 12:2 think about a specific sin you struggle with.

How have you seen the truth of these verses in your struggle to overcome consistent temptation?

According to these verses what is your hope for overcoming temptation?

How can you apply these verses to your specific struggle today?

Thank God today for the honest help and encouragement in the Bible. Ask God to strengthen you to live in His power today and overcome temptation.

Thursday

Read Rom. 6:5, 8:15 & 8:18. List two things these verses tell you about your future:

- 1.
- 2.

How does knowing there is hope for your future help you understand how much God cares?

Thank God today that your future is bright! Ask Him to help you live today with confidence and eager anticipation. Pray for an opportunity to encourage someone today.

Friday

Read Rom. 8:38-39. What incredible verses! What difficulty are you facing right now?

How can the truth of these verses impact your life and struggles today?

Thank God today for His amazing love for you and His constant presence with you. Talk to Him about the difficulties you are facing. Commit to live a full life today, knowing that God is with you each step of the way!

Saturday

Read Rom. 1:1-17 today (this is the passage we'll be studying this weekend). Write down your observations and questions. Ask God to prepare your heart to hear the Truth this weekend. Pray for the services, that they will be a light shining God's greatness and Truth to all who hear.