

Daily Devotions: Called to be Loved

Welcome to the What On Earth Am I Here For Series. This week's devotions will be on, "Called to be Loved."

Day One

READ

"For the Lord takes delight in his people; He crowns the humble with victory." (Psalm 149:4)

As much as we are created for God's delight. We also need to remain humble. It doesn't matter how blessed you are: God crowns the humble. You need to completely give your heart to God and ask Him to teach you humility. "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

When we are humble we please God. Being puffed up is actually quite dangerous for you. We need to be humble in order for God to work in us. When we are not humble, it's very difficult to hear God, and we will always want to do things our way. This is because people who are not humble do not need God. Therefore God cannot be pleased with a person who is not humble.

CHALLENGE

Let's learn how to be humble, how to please God. And let's continue to praise Him.

PRAYER

Lord thank you for this opportunity to teach us about humility. Thank you Lord for your word. Continue to guide us Lord and show us the way. Help us understand our purpose better. In Jesus name. AMEN.

Day Two

Read

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

God smiles when we trust him. He wants us to depend on him completely. We need not to doubt what God can do. We must trust and believe that he hears our prayers. Just as when we ask for something from our parents. When we ask God for things, His answer can either be YES, NO or NOT NOW. We therefore shouldn't doubt that God hears our prayers. Just because you don't get an answer you want from God, it doesn't mean that he didn't hear your prayers or answered your prayers.

God Created us and he knows what's best for us. We really do matter to Him. Let us learn to trust God. Let us learn to run our plans through Him. Remember that He created us, and therefore He knows best.

CHALLENGE

Since God knows what's best. In what area of your life do you need to trust him most?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father I come before you humbling myself. Forgive me in not trusting you with my life. Teach me to trust in you with everything I have. Thank you Lord that you care about me and that you love me. Thank you Lord for your Grace. AMEN.

Day Three

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)

Sacrifice means: Giving up something valuable for the sake of someone else. One thing I like about God is that He will never expect us to do something that is beyond us, and that He is incapable of doing. God wants us to offer our entire being as living sacrifice. He wants us to live holy. At some point in life God gave us the greatest possible sacrifice, His son Jesus Christ. Jesus is valuable to God, but God gave Him up for our sake.

God wants us to give up our sins. To sacrifice what we like and love for His sake. He says this is the true and proper worship. Let's allow God to use us. Let us Surrender to God and say: God take over my life. I trust you with my life.

CHALLENGE

(1) What area of my life am I holding back from God. (2) Ask God for forgiveness and surrender that area of your life to Him through prayer.

PRAYER

Lord I surrender everything to you. I give you my life. I want to offer my body as living sacrifice so that I can worship you in truth and in spirit. Help me to please you and thank you for loving me.

Day Four

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"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

Imagine being best friends with Jesus. How wonderful is that? God is yearning for a relationship with you. He wants to spend time with you. In Isaiah He says come let's have a conversation, let's talk. Let's talk about the things that bother you. God also wants to forgive you all your sins. He wants to build a friendship.

So why would God work so hard to catch our attention, to even make sure that the bible is written, so that we can know about Him? It's all because He loves us and has a purpose with our lives.

CHALLENGE

What can I do to remind myself to think about God and to talk to Him more often throughout the day?

PRAYER

Lord I am aware of your presence and thank you for reminding me that you care. Remind me Lord of your love and thank you for blessing me. Thank you that you have given me an opportunity to get to know you. In Jesus name. AMEN.

Day Five

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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8a)

How amazing is it that God wants us to take the first step. He wants us to approach Him first. He doesn't want to force this relationship. He wants us to be invested in it as much as He is. He is doing all this in the name of His Love for us. He wants us loving Him to be a choice. He wants to communicate with us and spend time with us. We just need to take the first step.

CHALLENGE

What personal choices will you make to draw close to God?

PRAYER

Lord Thank you for loving me. Thank you for giving me a place where I belong, and that is with you. Right now I choose to spend time with. I choose to draw close to you. Thank you for all that you have done. In Jesus name. AMEN

Day Six

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"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5b)

Let's get plugged into God. He is a source of power that doesn't have load shedding. And in the verse above He is basically saying that He's got your back. God will never leave us, He is always there. He does this because He loves us. Just like us, we don't leave our loved ones when they are in trouble. We want to spend time with the ones we love, whether it's in good times or bad times. God wants that kind of relationship with us as well.

Let's spend time with Him. This will show that we also love him. Us as people we can give up a lot for people we love. God gave up His son Jesus Christ for us. Remember that: YOU MATTER TO GOD

CHALLENGE

How can I focus on God's presence, especially when He feels distant.

PRAYER

Lord help us to feel your presence. I hunger for you and just want to have an encounter with you. Thank you for your love for me. Teach me as well to love others. In Jesus Name. AMEN