

GOD IS FOR YOU

Pastor George Dupree – Sunday, December 5, 2010

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Have you ever felt forgotten?

Feeling forgotten, it's a feeling that we can all relate to from one time or another... but the bible tells us a different story.

† Isaiah 49:16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands

You are not forgotten, you are not alone; God is for you.

People may forget you but not God. You need to remind yourself about the promise He gives us, "I have carved your name in the palm of My hand."

Joseph felt forgotten, he felt lonely, but God was with him.

† Genesis 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Paul was in prison several times; he even tells how his friends forgot him

† 2Timothy 4:10 Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica

Rachel felt forgotten and alone, but God remembered Rachel

† Genesis 30:22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

Maybe you've given up on your dream but God hasn't forgotten you or the dream He put into your heart, after all He is the one who put the dream in you.

God is WITH you and God is FOR you.

† Hebrews 13:5 I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.

Sometimes people who should be close to you will forget you, but not the Lord.

† Psalms 27:9 10 Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.

God will never abandon you. You may not feel like He's near, but He is. Make an extra effort to draw close to Him, pray, read the word, worship, sing a song of thanksgiving, don't give up.

† James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

God is not against you. He's not out to get you or make you miserable. He's on your side.

† John 3:17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

† Romans 8:31b ...if God is for us, who can be against us?

The God who created the universe says

† I love you

† I am with you

† I am for you

In the Genesis account of creation after each thing that God creates we see this phrase "And God saw that it was good"

† Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

In chapter two of Genesis something was not good.

† Genesis 2:18 It is not good for the man to be alone

Prior to Genesis 2:18 God had called everything he made good... the sun, the moon, the plants, the animals, everything... "It was good."

Then he gets to this spot and he sees a person all alone and God says, "This is NOT good."

We weren't made to be alone. That's why Jesus is called Immanuel, God with us.

God Is Always With Us

† Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."