

## Does Jesus Have Time for Me?

In our busy, fast-paced life, we have to place priorities over our time. We can't do everything -- there is much more to do than available time allows. But, what about God? With millions of believers praying to Him, how does He have time to listen and answer each person's prayer? Can you imagine how many people are praying to Jesus at this very moment? In the noise of the world, does Jesus hear us as individuals? In this vast world, am I significant enough that Jesus can focus on just my needs?

The Bible is very clear on this. You are important to God! *Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you ... (Isaiah 43:4).* The Bible quotes Jesus directly when it says, "... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). We all face challenging times and make important requests to God. God says in return: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).* No matter what you are going through, God is with you. He listens even if your prayer is silent.

I thought of this topic during a prayer time at church. Over a hundred people's heads were bowed, all praying to God at the same time. We were each silently bringing our own requests to God, all at the same time. How does God focus on each one? We tend to put our human limitations on the creator of the universe. We can't do multiple things at once, but God can. Situations we consider to be complex God already has figured out. He listens to you and knows what you need before you ask. Just as a parent rallies to the needs of their children, God does the same for us. The Bible assures us: *The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles (Psalm 34:17).* We are His creation, and He sees to our needs.



It is human nature to have goals in mind. We know what we want to happen and when. God *knows* what is going to happen. Secondly, God's timing is perfect. So are His ways. His ways are not necessarily our ways, but in the end, we can have confidence that God will work good from every situation. In actuality, God knows us better than we know ourselves (see Psalm 139, below). We live in an age of "instant gratification." We want things our way, and we want it now. As you ask God for help, let Him respond when the time is right.

It is a matter of our relationship with the Lord. We know He is there, but we wonder if He hears and cares for us. The question asked in the title of this devotion is, "Does Jesus have time for me?" If God knows what we need, his timing is perfect, and His answer is true. The real question is: Do *we* have time for Jesus? Put your faith in Jesus and know with absolute certainty that He will bring you through whatever you are facing and provide what you truly need.

**Question:** How would you describe your relationship with God? Do you make time for Jesus?

**The Bible Says:** *You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain (Psalm 139:1-6).*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord: We place our faith in You and know You will respond to our needs in a perfect way. Let us make time for you as we enhance our relationship with You. Give us patience, Lord, as we seek Your will. Amen.