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Because God Loves You, He Provides- Part 9

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you all the time by providing joy for you. Neh. 8:10b, "This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." The interesting fact about this verse is that it is not our joy, it is the joy of the LORD that is our strength. Do you picture the LORD as being joyful? He is. I believe God smiles more than we imagine. He delights in His children. He watches over you with great joy. And here is why - joy is not the same as happiness. Happiness depends upon our circumstance, but joy is resident within us no matter what the circumstance may be. I once heard a pastor ask a church member how they were doing. They replied, "I guess I'm doing okay under the circumstances." The pastor answered, "What are you doing under there?" God doesn't want us to live under the bondage of our circumstances. He wants us to experience His joy which is never controlled by the things around us. It is a joy that is much deeper than that. It is a joy that is built upon the character of God Himself. God is a joyful God! Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God is in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." The picture here is a parent who is holding their little one, rocking them, and singing them a lullaby. Do you see God like that? That is Who He is. He is a caring, loving, joyful God. He is rejoicing over you with His singing. Can you imagine what that must sound like? Think of the most beautiful voice you've ever heard and it won't even be rated a -50 in the presence of our Father Who is singing over you even while you sleep. I love how author Tim Rowe puts it - Ponder these truths: Do you know that God is consumed with you? Do you know that God thinks about you all the time? Do you know that God's love for you is immeasurable and unfathomable and to such a degree that it transcends human understanding? Do you know that God longs for you to fall into His embrace and to cleave unto Him with all your heart and strength? Do you know that God wants to be wanted by you, He wants to be loved, He wants to be cherished, He wants to be adored, He wants to be treasured, and He wants to be worshipped? The Psalmist says that God's thoughts toward us are so many and so wonderful that they cannot be numbered. God has always loved you no matter what you have done. God has always been there even in your darkest hour even though you may not have ever realized it. God will never give up on you for He is a loving God and not just a fickle person (Hosea 11). God will never quit chasing you for His love for you burns deep and true. God is pleading to you, please let me be your God, your everything, your reason for breathing and let me bear my mighty arm for you and show you my goodness and glory. God has never forgotten you, not ever, not even for a second. Don't you want to know this God?

Dear Father, I want to know you like that. I want to experience Your joy in my life today. It comes from You and from Your great love for me. I desire to be in Your presence today and every day of my life. In Jesus Name, Amen