

He Promises—1 Does God Still Love Me?

Jesus has a promise that speaks directly to your pain.

- Jesus promises you will know His voice.
- Jesus promises to be with you always.
- Jesus promises to give you peace.
- Jesus promises you don't have to worry.
- Jesus promises to give you rest.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NLT

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”

—St. Augustine (paraphrase)

“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?” Luke 15:4 NLT

“In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!” Luke 15:7 NLT

... God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:8-10 NIV

When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” Luke 9:54 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” John 15:13 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Romans 5:8**. How does this verse reinforce or challenge your view of God's love?

Talk about a time when your belief in God's love and promises was greater than the emotions you were experiencing.

If you feel comfortable, share a specific pain or burden that you are currently carrying. How can the group support you? How can you lean on the love of Jesus?

Start the *Where Is God When Life Is Hard?* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/promise