

Where Is God When Life Hurts?

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Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today."

Luke 7:11b-16 NLT

How God's Presence Touches My Life

1. When I Am Lonely, God Is My Companion.

Turn to me, LORD, and be merciful to me, because I am lonely and weak.

Psalm 25:16 GNT

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5b NIV

You (God) will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.

Psalm 16:11 GNT

2. When I Am Worried, God Is My Confidence.

(God) When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I WILL BE WITH YOU. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you.

Isaiah 43:2 TLB

I am always aware of the LORD's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me. I'm so thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure.

Psalm 16:8-9 GNT

3. When I Am Discouraged, God Is My Comforter

The LORD is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope.

Psalm 34:18 GNT

The LORD...stopped my tears and kept me from defeat. And so I walk in the presence of the LORD...I kept on believing, even when I said, "I am completely crushed," even when I was afraid and said, "No one can be trusted."

Psalm 116:8-11 GNT

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6 NIV