

Cynicism

Complacency

Comfort-Seeking

The God Who Cares

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honeythe home of the Canaanites, Hittites,
Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:7-10

God doesn't just care in general. He cares for you. He sees your pain. He moves toward it.—not just to sit with you, but to lead you out.

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands,

forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

Exodus 34:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

Wonderful Counselor - He listens

Mighty God - He acts

Everlasting Father - He stays

Prince of Peace - He makes things whole

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is God's care made visible.

John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

Matthew 9:36 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them

Hebrews 4:15-16 - Our high priest sympathies with our weakness

"We are walking through life in the care of a God who deeply understands and loves us. He enters our suffering not as an observer but as a Redeemer."

- David Powlison

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Hebrews 5:9-10

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.
Because you are his sons, God sent the
Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit
who calls out, "Abba, Father."

So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:4-7

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,

for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

Present

"Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

Powerful

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Personal

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

2 Practical things to do this week:

1. Ask: "What am I carrying that I need to let God carry?"

Pray: God, help me to trust you with this burden

2 Practical things to do this week:

2. Identify the Lie & Replace it with the Truth

God is distant (lie)
He is near to the brokenhearted (truth)
Psalms 34:18

Real care begins with God