

Living The Word Devotionals



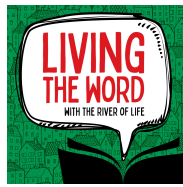
You Are My God



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"I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'" Psalm 16:2 ESV

I love reading the book of Psalm and this verse is just another one that I cling to. David is declaring something true of all of us whether we want to admit it or not and that is, we are not good apart from the Lord. Or as Paul tells us in Romans 7:18, *"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out."*



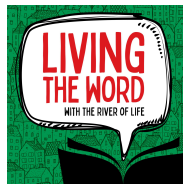
Like Paul and David, I know the things that creep and crawl down in my heart and the ugliness that is in there that I try with all my might to keep under lock and key. And anytime someone tries to say, “Arie, that was great!” I am always quick to say, “All the Lord!” Because if anything I do is good, it was His Spirit working in and through me and nothing on my own accord because I have no good apart from Jesus Christ.

God has gifted me with so many good gifts. My handsome husband and our two beautiful kids, Our health, this church, good friendship and it could be easy to believe or think I did this. I created this life for myself but that wouldn't be the full truth. Yes, my choices brought me here but it was also God's sovereignty and His good plan for my life and His glory! And because of that, God is my ultimate good! Like David, I have nothing good if I don't have the Lord.

To conclude, if we have the Lord we can shout on the rooftops that though we may win some fights and lose some fights, we are victorious because of Romans 8:1, “*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*” He has done what we cannot do. His good and righteousness is now ours if we have accepted Him as our Lord!

So, Christian, can you rejoice in this truth as David has? Knowing that nothing good dwells in you apart from the Lord. What good would this do with your walk with Jesus knowing this?

I'll send off with this quote one commentary said, “*It is possible to appear good in the sight of humans, but it is impossible to appear good in the eyes of the Lord without a personal relationship with him.*”



Make some moves, Christian.

Jesus, as it is said, none of us are good not even one apart from you. You are the only human who ever was and is good and without sin. We have all missed the mark and fallen short of the standard of goodness you uphold. But through your life and resurrection and your living and dwelling within each believer, we now can be seen as good in the sight of our Lord because and only because of Our Lord and what He did for us in our place! Amen.