

God is With You

Have you ever wondered if you are important to God? Or if God even cared about you? I will emphatically answer you, "Yes! You are very important to God! And He wants to be with you more than you can even comprehend!" And you may ask, "Why? Why me? It seems like I continue to mess up all the time, so why would God care about me, much less want to be with me?"

The Bible tells us that God created mankind in His image because He wanted to be with them and talk to them. From the beginning, He already knew that man would mess up, so He made a plan to get them back. No matter what you have messed up, please know that God still wants to be with you. He sees your mess, but He delights in cleaning it up. In reality, God loves you too much to leave you bound up in your mess, but still, He waits for you to tell Him that you want Him to do it.

You see God loves you more than you can understand. Zephaniah 3:17 says, "*The LORD your God is with you; his power gives you victory. The LORD will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you,*" this tells us that God is your God and He takes delight in you. He wants to give you a new life and is so joyous over you that He sings. You are that important to Him. He waits for you to learn how to walk and talk with Him because He loves you so.

In the Bible, a man named Enoch took God seriously about walking and talking with Him. Genesis 5:24 says, "*One day Enoch was walking with God, and he disappeared. God took him.*" You must know that God was so pleased that Enoch wanted to walk and talk with Him, that God took him on to heaven. Simply put, God wants to walk and talk with you the same way. He wants you to say that you want to see what he wants to show you. He wants you to share your heart. This pleases God! Some call it prayer - but it's so much more. Prayer is asking, sharing your heart, talking about yours or someone else's problems, but being with God and inviting Him into your daily life is truly what He's after.

God wants you to invite Him into what you are thinking, saying, doing, or wherever you're going. He wants to know if you want Him there and He wants to hear you say it. Just be honest in how you want God to interact with you. He gives you a choice to include Him even in all your mess. Never think for a moment that you are not important to God because of your failures. The truth is, "Your failures and messes do not define your future." Don't think that it is silly or stupid to include Him. Though He may be silent, He is waiting for you to invite Him into what you are doing. Please know that the Lord takes delight in you and He wants to give you a new life. He sings His love over you because you are so special and important to Him.

Dear Lord,

I pray that they will know how much it pleases you for them to walk and talk with you. Let them feel your love that oozes from heaven to earth – especially for them. You know about their failures and messes, but you love them anyway – all the time. When they feel lonely and abandoned, you already know it. You are Love itself that pours over them. I ask for your flood of joy to clap deep down into their souls as they hear you singing over them. May they be tucked under your wings in times of their troubles and never doubt that you are there for them.

Help them learn how to walk and talk with you so they will not fail. And if they fail, let them hear you singing over them with love until they have the strength to get up again. May they know that they are so important to you and that you desire to be with them, always. I pray that they will not fear to reach out and share their heart with you, even when it feels awkward. Jesus, I know that you are with them no matter where they are, now let them be glad to receive your love in their hearts. Amen!

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