

### Upcoming Events...

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: September 17

Work Day/Meeting Prep: September 23

Barnabas Group Meeting: September 26

Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Erik Borlaug, October 1-4

### Scriptures Showing God's Care and Concern

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* John 3:16

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"* Ephesians 2:4-5

### September Birthdays

2 Linda McGraw    3 Wendy Cortes    11 Marie Burruss  
15 Marcos Perales    16 Jim Burruss    24 Mason Perales  
30 Dortha Gentry    30 Kurt Hoffman

### September Anniversaries

13 Wendy & Luis Cortes

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## Does God Know How We Feel?

By Kevin Cauley

"Daddy, do you think God knows how we are feeling" were the words of my seven-year old son after we found our pet dog, Dallas, dead in the back yard on a September morning. It was the first time he had lost any living thing to which he had an emotional attachment. He was crying hard and didn't know how to express his sadness. Yet, it was expressed in a profoundly common way. He wanted to know if God understood and cared that his little heart was breaking. "Yes," I answered. "God knows exactly what you are feeling." I wanted to cry along with him and did.

There are so many more tragic things in life than the death of a beloved pet, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the feelings or emotions are any less real. And in many tragic circumstances, people ask the same question, "Does God know how we are feeling? Does He care?" Yes, He does.

It would be a cruel, insensitive, and heartless creator that didn't care about his creation's well-being. We have little sympathy for fathers and mothers that have no natural affection toward their own children. So also, a god that didn't care for his creation would be no god at all. Of course the God of the universe, the Creator and Giver of all life, cares about His creation. We're reminded of God's care for us in Luke 12:6-7 *"Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows."* In the words of Civilla D. Martin, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## Mark My Word!

By Tim Dooley

The Bible also teaches us that we can carry our burdens to God in prayer. Just as we would talk to our earthly father and let him know of our joys, aspirations, and concerns in life, so also we may approach our heavenly Father. It is the privilege of every one of his children to be able to talk to Him in prayer as Father. Galatians 4:6 declares, *“And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”* When we so approach our Father, we can then, as Peter tells us, cast *“all your care upon Him; for He careth for you”* (1 Peter 5:7).

Perhaps, however, the greatest proof that God does indeed care for us is in the love that He showed us through His Son, Jesus. Does God know what it feels like to lose someone dear to Him? Yes, he does, because God gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross. *“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?”* (Romans 8:32).

And Jesus, God Himself, experienced what it was like to live as a man. *“For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* He knows what our feelings are like when we are sad, lonely, depressed, aching, despondent, and hurting. And He cares. He also experienced those feelings. Yes, God KNOWS what and how we are feeling.

What is sad, however, is that many will not turn to God’s word as the source of true comfort. God knows each of us better than we know ourselves; so, God can tell us what we need to do to appropriately work through our strong feelings without resorting to methods and means that would only deepen our unresolved problems. God’s word has all of the answers to life’s problems and through our faith in it, we can overcome (1 John 5:4).

There are many approaches to God’s Word among men these days. The atheist says it is just a production of man and that there is no God. The agnostic sees enough evidence to doubt the atheist but not enough to believe that the Bible is the product of an all-powerful God. The denominational world twists, misinterprets, and misapplies God’s Word. The liberal-minded sees it only as a love letter and lives by only those Scriptures they deem relevant. The radical reads more into the text than what is there and binds what God has not. One thing is true, it is absolutely essential that all men take the word of God seriously!

The Word of God will be accomplished, regardless of how men view it.

Jesus said that the Word of God is what will judge us in the last day (John 12:48). He told his disciples that while heaven and earth would pass away *“My words shall not pass away”* (John 21:33). It is interesting that Jesus speaks these words immediately after His prophecy of the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem. In other words, Jesus says, *“Mark My words.”* Later Peter proclaims his undying loyalty to which Jesus says, *“Mark My words; you will deny Me.”* After Peter does indeed deny the Lord he *“remembered the word of the Lord.”*

How many men will continue to ignore the warnings of Jesus and be lost? Will we be faithful to our calling and responsibility to know, live, and spread God’s word?