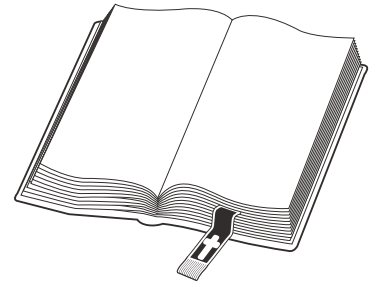


God's Word Comforts My Heart



"My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in Your word." Psalm 119:81

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Beloved, Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that *every* life is created by God. Every life is important to God: the unborn in the womb, the physically or mentally ill, the disabled, and the elderly. *Each* person is of *great* value, created in God's image and precious in His sight. There is a heaviness in my heart because I know that some of you are convinced that your life has no meaning—you see no hope. It may be a job loss, depression, the struggles of a single mom or dad, not enough money for basic food and shelter, painful illnesses, old age, a disability, or divorce. You may be caught in an addiction of alcohol, pornography, drugs or gambling, or you may overuse credit cards. All you see is darkness, pain, and sorrow with no hope for the future. Some of you have been thinking of suicide!

Beloved, listen to me. Trying to run from your painful situations *is not the answer*. Divorce or another marriage *is not the answer*. Suicide *is not the answer*. Abortion *is not the answer*. Jesus Christ is the *only* answer! Every life is precious to God. He created you. He loves you. Beloved, I am talking from personal experience. I grew up in an alcoholic home. I was constantly abused. I knew hunger and poverty. I have experienced several lengthy, painful illnesses. I know the pain of divorce and addictive habits. I often thought of suicide. As a new believer I cried out to God for help. Psalm 119:82 reads, *"My eyes fail from searching Your word, saying, 'When will You comfort me?'"*

As I faithfully read and obeyed the Bible daily, the Lord led me to the scriptures I needed. He gave me His wisdom for each situation. He gave me His strength and His AMAZING GRACE for every day's pain. He healed the memories of my childhood. He helped me get totally out of debt. He gave me the power to resist temptations and get free from addictive habits. He restored my marriage. God's Word was and is my constant help and comfort. God created you, and according to John 3:16, He sent Christ to die for you; therefore, you are of great value to God. Do not run from the Lord—run to Him. He loves you.

Beloved, we need to see ourselves—children, the unborn in the womb, the elderly, the disabled, and the chronically ill—as *God* sees them. And we need to believe God's Word. God created each of us, and He loves us. If you have killed your baby through abortion, if you are thinking of an abortion, or if you have helped pay for one, you will find love, compassion, and help if you will call your local Pregnancy Resource Center. This is not just for women. This is also for men who have been involved in abortion. Remember God loves you. He also loves the baby He has created in your womb.

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