



“Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

- The first purpose of my life is to BE LOVED BY GOD.
- My first calling is to ENJOY A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- The relationship that God created me for is to be HIS SON OR DAUGHTER.

“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you have the power to understand, as all God's children should, how LONG, how WIDE, how DEEP, and how HIGH his love really is.” Ephesians 3:17b-18 (LB)

LONG ENOUGH TO LAST FOREVER.

WIDE ENOUGH TO BE EVERYWHERE.

DEEP ENOUGH TO HANDLE ANYTHING.

HIGH ENOUGH TO OVERLOOK MY SINS.

WHAT CHANGES HAPPEN IF I STAY AWARE OF GOD'S CONSTANT LOVE FOR ME?

1. I feel ACCEPTED rather than ASHAMED.

“By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.” Romans 5:1 (CEV)

“If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed!” Romans 8:33-34 (CEV)

2. I am BOLD IN BRINGING my needs to God.

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God! So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children.” Romans 8:14-15 (NLT)

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

3. I have PEACE IN PAIN I don't really understand.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Rom. 8:28 (NIV)

4. I gain the COURAGE to take risks.

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.” 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

5. I WORSHIP instead of WORRY.

“So don't worry about these things. Seek the kingdom of God above all else.” Matt. 6:31a, 33a NLT