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Jesus Changes Everything

In this lesson you will learn three ways that God notices you.

Intro: Jesus is our fountain of living water, and he wants to meet us where we are. Dirty water creates death. Fresh water is essential for life. Living water is the ultimate life source for the soul and spirit. Those who forsake the fountain of living water will pursue broken cisterns that hold no water at all. When we love first, we judge less. Jesus always moved past the surface level need and satisfaction. Jesus ministered to the need beneath the need, or the root level need. So many Christians are living a world-thirsty lifestyle. They direct their thirst in every direction but God. It's time to come back to God to get our thirst quenched.

I. God Sees You

A. Before you even have a problem God sees you right where you are. He sees your; struggle, your temptation, your broken heart, and your desperate cry. The Bible says he is near to the broken-hearted (Psa 34:18). In the Psalms, he is portrayed as the good shepherd. He is always watching over his flock to make sure they are safe and sound. Even when we choose to run away from him like Jonah, God is watching over us and helping us to get back on the path to Him.

II. God Hears You

A. God always hears your cry (Psa 34:15). When you come to him in prayer, he doesn't interrupt you. He wants to hear your heart. He wants you to open up to him in honesty and sincerity and talk to him about your pain. Even after Samson turned away from God and was captured by the Philistines, he cried out to God and God heard his prayer. God strengthened Samson one last time, and he defeated more of Israel's enemies in death than he did during his lifetime. God hears you in your weak times, your good times, and the bad times.

III. God Heals You

A. God speaks words of life, hope, and healing over you. Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw the crowds (Matt 9:36). His love goes beyond just hearing and seeing. He put Himself in your place and felt your pain. When Jesus went to the cross, he went on our behalf. He was bruised for our iniquity, and with his stripes we are healed (Isa 53:4-5). He came to heal the broken-hearted and the physically ill. There was never a wound, hurt, sickness, or disease that Jesus could not heal. Jesus heals us everywhere we hurt.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found yourself thirsting for things other than God?
2. Are you confident that God sees and hears you?
3. Where do you need God to heal you?