

CALLED TO BE LOVED

Week 2 WOEAHF

"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." EPH. 1:4-5

The first purpose of my life is TO BE LOVED BY GOD!

"This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ." Jude 1

My first calling is TO ENJOY A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!

"I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people." Romans 1:7

That relationship is to be His SON or DAUGHTER!

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1

"What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we should be NAMED AND CALLED AND COUNTED The children of God! And so we are!" (Amp)

"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Eph 3:16-19

How wide? WIDE enough to be everywhere!

How long? LONG enough to last forever!

How deep? DEEP enough to handle anything!

How high? HIGH enough to overlook my mistakes!

1. I FEEL ACCEPTED RATHER THAN ASHAMED

"Therefore, since we have been made right (acceptable) in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." Romans 5:1

2. I'M BOLD IN BRINGING MY NEEDS TO GOD

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory." Romans 8:14-17

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." Hebrews 4:16

3. I HAVE PEACE IN PAIN I DONT UNDERSTAND

"Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand." Philippians 4:6-7

4. I GAIN THE COURAGE TO TAKE RISKS

"Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love." 1 John 4:18

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

5. I WORSHIP INSTEAD OF WORRY

"We love each other because he loved us first." 1 John 4:19

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'... ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:31 & 33

"Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life." Rom. 6:13b