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# SOUGHT AFTER

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A BOOK OF DEVOTIONS

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John 13:35

Your love for one another will prove to the world  
that you are my disciples.

TRUTH FOR TODAY

### ***LOVING DIFFICULT PEOPLE***

People who are unkind are hard to love. There, I said  
it.

But since we are called to love everybody, our  
enemies included, how are we supposed to do it? How  
do we handle all of the bullies and harsh  
personalities?

#### Step One – Realize Their Value to God

No matter how horrible this person may seem to you,  
they were created with a God given purpose. They've  
probably been treated poorly themselves and need  
compassion. Think about how you would have wanted  
to be treated if you were still your old self before  
Christ.

#### Step Two – Realize Your Value To God

If you place your worth in how others treat you or  
what they think of you, you'll always come up short.  
Be so confident in Christ and so filled up with the  
Spirit, that even their mean comments can't get you  
down. Seriously- Paul rejoiced after getting whipped  
by his enemies- It's possible!

#### Step Three – Choose to Love Regardless

Ask God to show you ways to get along with them  
better. Begin praying for them.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

TRUTH FOR TODAY

***CAN WE REALLY LIVE OUR  
LIFE WITHOUT ANXIETY?***

This verse tells us in everything with prayer and thanksgiving, let our requests be known to God. So when we're faced with anxiety, we are to pray and to be thankful.

I know I can't say that thankfulness is my first reaction when anxiety sneaks in.

But think about it... Sometimes I get anxious that I may get in trouble at my job, but whenever I have those thoughts, I would instead thank God that I have employment in the first place!

It's hard to stay anxious when you're always being thankful.

Change your approach on how you handle your anxious thoughts. How many times are we anxious because we need to approach things differently?

Living a life free from anxiety isn't impossible, however, we may need to change our approach to it so we can have victory!

Matthew 16:15

Then Jesus said to his followers, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

TRUTH FOR TODAY

***1 QUESTION TO CHALLENGE  
YOUR FAITH***

We are all at different places in our walk with Jesus. Some of us have known Jesus for years. Others began their faith journey recently! No matter where we are on our walks with God, here's a question to make you go deeper...

Who is Jesus, really?

This is an important question to ask yourself. Who is Jesus to you? Is He just some good teacher? Is He just your ticket to heaven? Do you really believe He rose from the dead? Each of us must answer the question who is Jesus to us. We might say He's our Lord, but is He really influencing the choices we make each day? Search the Scriptures today and see who He really is.

Hint: Jesus is God. Dig deeper. Find out what that means for you and what that means about the way you should live your life. His death, burial and resurrection enables every sinner to be forgiven and set free.









2 Corinthians 1:7

Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

TRUTH FOR TODAY

***OVERCOMING  
DISAPPOINTMENT***

We've all been there.

It's a break up. It's a rejection letter from a college.  
It's a best friend that stopped talking to you.

Sometimes disappointment can be more devastating than tragedy, because it requires you to have invested in the outcome first! The Bible tells us that we should rejoice in our sufferings, but I'd be lying if I said that what I did every time I was disappointed... So, what are Christians supposed to say and do when faced with disappointment?

When I face my weaknesses, whether those weaknesses are character issues I have or are just my powerlessness in the face of events, I am encouraged to know that my destiny rests on the faithfulness of God.

I get on my knees and lay all of my burdens at His feet.

Have hope in this: If God said it, His character stands behind it. He is in control of circumstances and will never have to say, "I never saw that coming."









Psalm 33:6

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made;  
and all the host of them by the breath of his  
mouth.

TRUTH FOR TODAY

***HE IS POWERFUL***

With a simple breath, the Lord brought magnificence into creation. Can you believe that? It was a single breath! The stars, planets, and galaxies that are in space today came forth with a simple breath of the Lord!

If you think about every different laugh, music note, and snowflake He has made, there is no denying His existence!

How can the splendor and mystery of our God ever be denied? Our Lord is above all things, and there is nothing that is beyond His control. His breath is within us; the breath of all life. Rejoice.

Pray bold prayers! He is more than able to make them happen!