



WHAT DOES GOD WANT? YOU!

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Ephesians 1 ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. NLT

Genesis 1 ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves..." ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it..." NLT

John 3 ¹⁵ so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. NASU

Romans 5 ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. NASU

Luke 19 ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. NLT

Luke 15 ¹ Many dishonest tax collectors and other notorious sinners often gathered around to listen as Jesus taught the people. ² This raised concerns with the Jewish religious leaders and experts of the law. Indignant, they grumbled and complained, saying, "Look at how this man associates with all these notorious sinners and welcomes them all to come to him!" ³ In response, Jesus gave them this illustration: ⁴⁻⁵ "There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight! ⁶ Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, 'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'" ⁷ Jesus continued, "In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents, comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away." ¹⁰ That's the way God responds every time one lost sinner repents and turns to him. He says to all his angels, "Let's have a joyous celebration, for that one who was lost I have found!" TPT

Luke 15 ¹¹ Then Jesus said, "Once there was a father with two sons. ¹² The younger son came to his father and said, 'Father, don't you think it's time to give me the share of your estate that belongs to me?' So the father went ahead and distributed among the two sons their inheritance. ¹³ Shortly afterward, the younger son packed up all his belongings and traveled off to see the world. He journeyed to a far-off land where he soon wasted all he was given in a binge of extravagant and reckless living. ¹⁴ "With everything spent and nothing left, he grew hungry, for there was a severe famine in that land. ¹⁵ So he begged a farmer in that country to hire him. The farmer hired him and

sent him out to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so famished, he was willing to even eat the slop given to the pigs, because no one would feed him a thing. ¹⁷ “Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing and he thought, ‘There are many workers at my father’s house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing. Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop?’ ¹⁸ I want to go back home to my father’s house, and I’ll say to him, “Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. ¹⁹ I’ll never be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees.” ²⁰ “So the young son set off for home. **From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him.** He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. ²¹ “Then the son said, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—’ “The father interrupted and said, ‘Son, you’re home now!’ ²² “Turning to his servants, the father said, **Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger.** And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son. ²³ **Let’s prepare a great feast and celebrate.** ²⁴ For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he’s alive again. **Once he was lost, but now he is found!** And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy. ²⁵ “Now, the older son was out working in the field when his brother returned, and as he approached the house he heard the music of celebration and dancing. ²⁶ So he called over one of the servants and asked, ‘What’s going on?’ ²⁷ “The servant replied, ‘It’s your younger brother. He’s returned home and your father is throwing a party to celebrate his homecoming.’ ²⁸ “The older son became angry and refused to go in and celebrate. So his father came out and pleaded with him, **Come and enjoy the feast with us!** ²⁹ “The son said, ‘Father, listen! How many years have I been working like a slave for you, performing every duty you’ve asked as a faithful son? And I’ve never once disobeyed you. But you’ve never thrown a party for me because of my faithfulness. Never once have you even given me a goat that I could feast on and celebrate with my friends like he’s doing now. ³⁰ But look at this son of yours! He comes back after wasting your wealth on prostitutes and reckless living, and here you are throwing a great feast to celebrate—for him!’ ³¹ **The father said, ‘My son, you are always with me by my side. Everything I have is yours to enjoy.** ³² It’s only right to celebrate like this and be overjoyed, because this brother of yours was once dead and gone, but now he is alive and back with us again. He was lost but now he is found!” TPT

1 John 4 ⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹⁹ **We love, because He first loved us.** NASU

Matthew 22 ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ Jesus answered him, **“Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you.”** TPT

1 John 3 ¹ **See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!** But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. ² Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. **But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.** NLT

Joshua 24 ¹⁵ “If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves today whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**” NASU