

# RESTING IN THE LOVE OF GOD

*God ministers to broken and aching hearts in a variety of ways. The Holy Spirit touches our lives through:*

## **ASSURANCE...**

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children--think of it--and we really are! But since most people don't know God, naturally they don't understand that we are his children.

*1 John 3:1 TLB*

That is why I am suffering here in jail, and I am certainly not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to safely guard all that I have given him until the day of his return.

*2 Timothy 1:12 TLB*

## **COMFORT...**

But even so, you love me! You are holding my right hand! You will keep on guiding me all my life with your wisdom and counsel, and afterwards receive me into the glories of heaven! *Psalms 73:23-24 TLB*

My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. No one shall snatch them away from me. *John 10:27-28 TLB*

## **FAITH...**

Yet there is one ray of hope: his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day.

*Lamentations 3:21-23 TLB*

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will. *Psalms 37:5 TLB*

## **HOPE...**

Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of--infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.

*Ephesians 3:20 TLB*

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

*Jeremiah 29:11 TLB*

Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt, and we can tell others that salvation is ours, for there is no question that he will do what he says. *Hebrews 10:23 TLB*

Come to me and I will give you rest--all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. Wear my yoke--for it fits perfectly--and let me teach you; for I am gentle and humble, and you shall find rest for your souls;

*Matthew 11:28-29 TLB*

## **PEACE...**

So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. *Romans 5:1 TLB*

"I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."

*John 14:27 TLB*

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7 TLB*