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YOU AND ME AND GOD

God is very present. – Psalm 46:1

When I pray, all I can see is you. You, reading these words. And the “you” who is me in the mirror, and the You who is God, whispering, thundering and holding my heart with grace.

It's so personal, that little word y-o-u. It acknowledges the existence of another. We can never use the word “you” without some sort of connection. It's a *personal* pronoun.

“You” is a super-power kind of word the way it commands a response. My ears tune in when the “you” is about me, because we all long for connection whether it is good or bad. Hate me if you must, but don't leave me desolate and alone. We are all connected.

Martin Buber wrote a deeply influential book called “I-You” that discusses the relational aspect of being. I promise I have not gone off the deep end, though it is a difficult insight to put into writing. Pronouns are so specifically vague, and I think I sound a little like Winnie the Pooh trying to explain life to Piglet. Nonetheless, here I am trying. Buber's book grapples the same way, but it is a world changing idea.

He says I-You is different from I-It. An “it” is objective. We do not love objects -like a lug nut or a ping pong ball. Buber's premise is basically that we often treat each other like lug nuts (I'm taking metaphorical liberties with that image). Like inanimate objects. We do that with judgements and labels, forgetting that everyone has a heart. Everyone has a story.

And some people perceive God like some great lug nut in the sky holding the world together impersonally and unapproachably. But *God has a heart, too*. For us, you and me, God is person and we take God quite personally. Calling God “You” assumes trust and relationship. It acknowledges being.

And on another related note, have you noticed the power of “you” when you say, “I love you?” Most people seem to have that phrase tightly sealed in a romantic locket or reserved for biological family members, and when you say it in any other context, they squirm or look away. We try to soften the impact by saying, “Love ya.” That takes the “I” AND the “YOU” out of the phrase but acknowledges that love for one another is good – just scary somehow.

Well, I love you. I love you who are reading this. I love being me and playing with words and ideas. And I love the Lord with all the courage it takes to refer to the Creator of the Universe with a personal pronoun.

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October 2026

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"For everything there is a season"

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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by Lori Mahan

The Solid Rock held through the storm

Throughout the day I like to listen to Christian Music. You know when that one song hits you and you get goosebumps all over? I call it the "Spirit touch". That happened this week and I wanted to share.

In 1834, Edward Mote, an English cabinetmaker who later became a Baptist pastor, wrote the words we know as "The Solid Rock." William B. Bradbury composed its familiar tune in 1863. What began in an ordinary working life became a song of extraordinary assurance: our hope rests in Jesus Christ, whose saving love remains steady when everything around us changes.

Devastation can arrive through death, illness, a broken relationship, or a future suddenly overturned. We may pray through tears and wonder how to take another step. This hymn gives our wounded hearts words to sing. Jesus taught that a life built on His words can withstand the storm (Matthew 7:24—25). Faith does not keep every storm away; it gives us a foundation that will hold.

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

God is both the Rock beneath our feet and the loving Father who carries us when we cannot stand. Deuteronomy 33:27 speaks of His everlasting arms beneath His people. Isaiah 40:11 pictures Him gathering His lambs close to His heart. His strength is tender: He receives our tears, welcomes our honest prayers, and draws near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18). We do not have to hide our sorrow to be held by Him.

The hymn's anchor points us to the sure hope described in Hebrews 6:19. Our feelings may rise and fall, but Christ's faithfulness does not. His righteousness, rather than our own strength or goodness, is our confidence before God. Even death cannot separate us from His love (Romans 8:38—39).

When life gives way, whisper this prayer: "Lord, be my Rock. Hold me in Your arms. Help me trust You for the next breath and the next step." We may not yet see how the pieces will come together, but we are never beyond His reach. Beneath the devastation, His arms remain. Through the darkness, His grace holds. On Christ, the solid Rock, we stand.



A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

with Jerry Huff



THIS WEEK

BOAZ'S KINDNESS

Read Ruth 2:1 - 16

"Kindness begets kindness."

Tune in to TPK on Zoom Tuesday nights
at 7:00 pm (CST) for an in-depth
discussion of this week's lesson with
Pastor Kim McLean.



FALL SERIES

OCT 18 - BOAZ'S COMMITMENT

OCT 25- NAOMI'S JOY

NOV 1 - THE LORD CALLS SAMUEL

NOV 8 - SAMUEL LEADS GOD'S PEOPLE

NOV 15 - THE PROBLEM WITH KINGS

NOV 22 - SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL

NOV 29 - GOD REJECTS SAUL AS KING

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3rd John teaches believers to walk in truth, show loving hospitality, and support those who serve Christ with humility and faithfulness.

Chapter Outline

Verses 1–4: Joy in the Truth

John greets Gaius and rejoices in his faithfulness.

Verses 5–8: Supporting God's Workers

John praises Gaius for welcoming traveling believers and encourages support for their ministry.

Verses 9–10: A Warning Against Pride

Diotrephes seeks control, rejects John's authority, and refuses hospitality.

Verses 11–12: Follow What Is Good

John urges believers to imitate goodness and commends Demetrius.

Verses 13–15: Closing Words of Peace

John hopes to visit soon and sends warm greetings.

3rd John was traditionally written by the apostle John, who calls himself "the elder," to his friend Gaius. It was likely written from Ephesus around AD 90, though the exact date and location are uncertain. John wrote to praise Gaius's hospitality, encourage support for traveling Christian teachers, and warn against the prideful behavior of Diotrephes.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

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WALKING IN TRUTH

Living each day faithfully, guided by Christ's teachings.



SPIRITUAL CHILDREN

Loving guidance and joy in the spiritual growth of believers.



HOSPITALITY AND PARTNERSHIP

Welcoming God's workers and sharing in the spread of His truth.

Walking in Truth

Walking represents living each day faithfully, guided by Christ's teachings.

Spiritual Children

John describes believers as his children, reflecting his loving guidance and joy in their spiritual growth.

Hospitality and Partnership

Welcoming and supporting Christian workers demonstrates love in action and partnership in spreading God's truth.

When fear whispers,
God's Word speaks louder.

THEMES IN 3 JOHN

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear,
 for I am
 with you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Do not fear
 or be
 dismayed.

Joshua 1:9

Do not be afraid;
 do not be
 discouraged.

Live in truth and show love through hospitality, supporting those who serve Christ, and choosing goodness

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over pride and selfishness.

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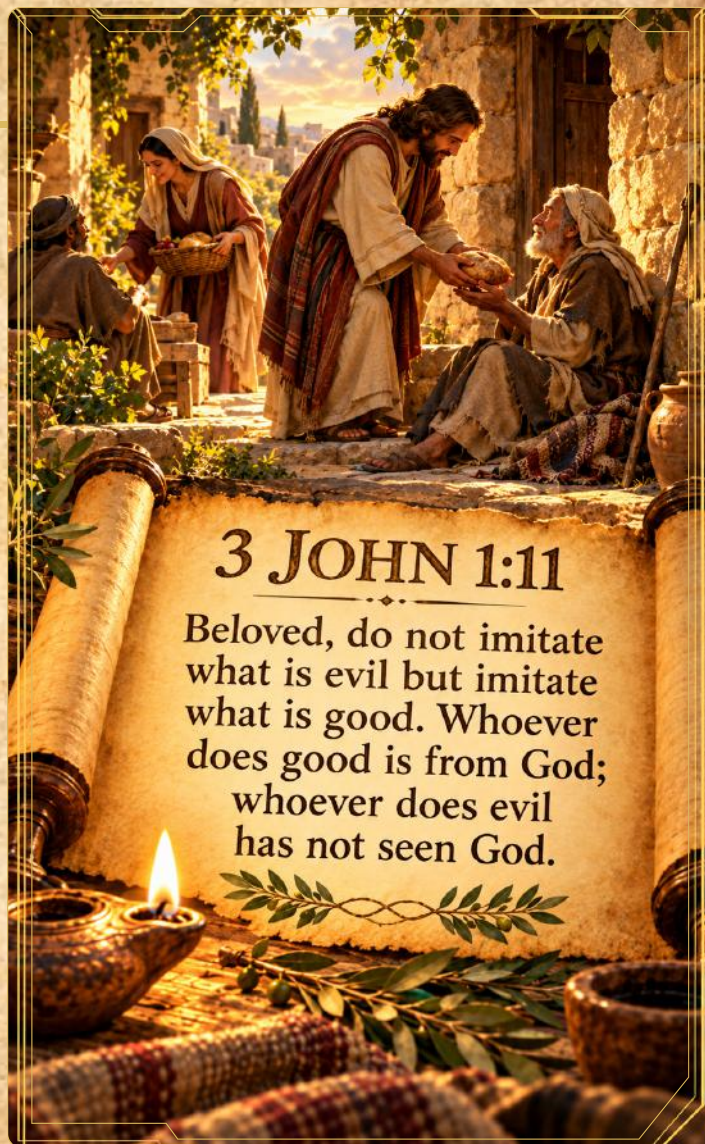
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3 John 1

- Salutation
- Gaius Commended for His Hospitality
- Diotrephes and Demetrius
- Final Greetings

Beloved, you do
 faithfully whatever you do
 for the friends, even though
 they are strangers to you.

3 John 1:5



3 JOHN 1:11

Beloved, do not imitate
 what is evil but imitate
 what is good. Whoever
 does good is from God;
 whoever does evil
 has not seen God.

Live Faithfully in Truth

Let God's truth guide
 your daily choices,
 words, and
 relationships.
 Practice honesty and
 integrity so that your
 actions reflect the
 faith you profess.
 (3 John 1:3–4)

Welcome and Support Others

Show Christ's love
 through hospitality,
 including kindness to
 people you do not know.
 Offer encouragement,
 practical help, and
 support to those
 serving God and
 sharing His message.
 (3 John 1:5–8)

Choose Goodness and Humility

Follow examples of
 kindness and faithful
 service rather than
 pride or selfish
 ambition. Make room
 for others, encourage
 their contributions,
 and serve without
 seeking recognition or
 control.
 (3 John 1:9–12)

October 2026

BIBLE READING PLAN

Do Not Fear

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Be Still
and know
that I am God.
PSALM 46:10

Faith
over
Fear

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

*When fear whispers,
God's Word speaks louder.*

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Psalm 23:4
Even though I
walk ... I will
fear no evil.

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Psalm 27:1
The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall
I fear?

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Psalm 56:3
When I am
afraid, I put
my trust
in You.

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Psalm 118:6
The Lord is on
my side; I will
not fear.

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Proverbs 3:25
Do not fear sudden
terror or the ruin
of the wicked.

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Isaiah 43:1
Do not fear,
for I have
redeemed you.

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Jeremiah 1:8
Do not be afraid,
of them, for I am
with you.

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Matthew 10:28
Do not be afraid
of those who
kill the body.

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Matthew 14:27
Take heart!
It is I.
Do not be afraid.

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Luke 12:32
Do not be afraid,
little flock.

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John 14:27
Do not let
your hearts be
troubled
or afraid.

15

Acts 18:9-10
Do not be afraid;
keep on
speaking.

16

Acts 27:24
Do not be afraid,
Paul.

17

Romans 8:15
You did not
receive a spirit
of fear.

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Romans 8:38-39
Nothing can
separate us from
God's love.

19

1 Corinthians 16:13
Be on your guard;
stand firm ...
be courageous.

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2 Corinthians 4:8-9
We are hard pressed,
but not crushed ...
we do not
lose heart.

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Philippians 4:6-7
Do not be anxious
about anything.

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1 Thessalonians 5:3
When people say,
"Peace and safety,"
do not be afraid.

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2 Timothy 1:7
God has not
given us a spirit
of fear.

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Hebrews 13:6
The Lord is
my helper;
I will not be afraid.

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Hebrews 11:27
Do not be afraid
of the king's
edict.

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Isaiah 54:4
Do not fear;
you will not
be put to shame.

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Zephaniah 3:17
The Lord your God
is with you, the
Mighty Warrior.

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Psalm 34:4
I sought the Lord,
and He answered me
and delivered me
from all my fears.

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Psalm 37:24
He may stumble,
but he will
not fall.

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Isaiah 35:4
Do not fear,
say to those
with fearful
hearts.

31

Revelation 1:17
Do not be afraid.
I am the First
and the Last.

Do Not Fear

HIS PROMISES ARE TRUE TODAY AND ALWAYS.

October 2026 Memory Verse

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God
endures forever.

ISAIAH 40:8





Heart Quote

A reflection for the heart

“Don’t let obstacles along the road
to eternity shake your confidence in
God’s promises.”

- David Jeremiah -



REST IN GOD

“Cast your burdens on the Lord, and He
shall sustain you; He shall never permit
the righteous to be moved.”

Psalms 46:1 NRSV



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he will not depart from it."

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ask questions, and grow
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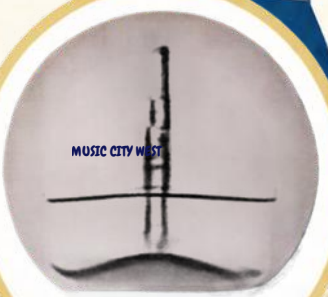
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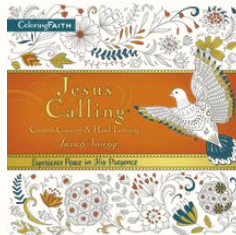
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- Social Media Promoter



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- Coordinator/Setup
- Community awareness promoter



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- Hospitality Coordinator
- Set-up and Break-down for morning service/Chairs/Literature, Altar, and Snack Tables
- Children's Church Assistant



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