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When Jesus calms the difficulties in our life or our priorities are put back in their proper order, we realize our problems aren't as bad as we think.

Let us put our fears and worries into His hands because He does care:

I Peter 5:7, "casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you."

Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"

— Shane Williams

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Lord, Don't You Care?

Two of the most telling questions in the New Testament were asked of Jesus by people who loved Him deeply.

Lord was ignoring their situation, frustration and anxiety was added: "Don't You care?"

1. When a violent storm threatened to sink their boat in the Sea of Galilee, His disciples asked, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (Mk. 4:38).

We do not know what tone Jesus used in speaking with them, but I suspect that His replies were gentle and caring. "Why are you so fearful?" (Mk. 4:40). "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about many things" (Lk. 10:41).

2. On another occasion, as a relaxed Mary listened to Jesus, a tense Martha came from the kitchen and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone" (Lk. 10:40).

When we're feeling alone or overwhelmed by our circumstances, we often cry out, "Lord, don't You care?" We sing a song, "Does Jesus Care?" The chorus says, "Oh yes He cares, I know He cares. His heart is touched with my grief; When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares."

Both questions were asked by people who had seen the power of Jesus and expected Him to step in and relieve their concern. When it seemed that the

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Free To Do What's Right

Back in the days before Israel had a king, people ignored what God had said. Although they had God's law, people disregarded it and did what was right in their own eyes (Jud. 17:6). Have you thought of what a price they paid for such freedom to do what they wanted? The book of Judges tells of their disobedience, which resulted in oppression by their pagan neighbors.

Even today, many people, and even some professing Christians, disregard God's clear revelation of Himself in His Word. They think they are "free" to form their own ideas of what God is like, what His expectations are, how to live, etc. People are strongly influenced by the culture around us, which is often not at all concerned about what God says. Many therefore walk in their own ways and oftentimes never even consider that God has something to say about a matter. It's no wonder there is such moral and spiritual confusion among so many people!

We must take God's Word seriously if we are to show those around us that we have freedom in Christ. The freedom we have, however, is the freedom to do what is right.

Rom 6:22-23, "But now having been set

free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Freedom doesn't give us the right to do what we please, but to do what pleases God.

Rom 6:17-18, "But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

— Shane Williams

**"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."
— Judges 17:6**



Have you read your Bible lately?

Do You Remember?

John 2:18-22, "The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" 20 The Jews therefore said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken."

The disciples remembered—and then they believed. After the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection, they recalled and finally understood Jesus' words,

If our faith is to increase, we too need to remember the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus established a memorial of His death, a practice we call the Lord's Supper, knowing that our faith and hope would be strengthened as we remember what He has done for us. He said, "**Do this in remembrance of Me**" (**1 Corinthians 11:24**). Every Sunday when we meet to drink of the cup and eat the bread, we remember what it cost Him to redeem us.

The true believer does not live in

memories only, however, but with hope for the future. We are to partake of the cup and bread "till He comes" (v.26). The One who died for us also rose from the grave. Therefore we have confidence that we will likewise be resurrected (1 Cor. 15).

Rom 6:8-9, "Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him."

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Let us always remember what Christ did for us, what this life is about and what we are headed towards! Remembering our goal of heaven on a daily basis will help us to make the right decisions day by day.

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God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Be Faithful** until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)