

## God doesn't change.

He doesn't change with the wind or have mood swings. He loves you. He desires your fellowship even more than you long to be truly loved. Jesus says, "*I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.*" (Rev. 3:20)

To others of you who are facing death or illness of any kind, God cares. He looks at you with compassion. He wants to comfort your spirit and soothe your aching heart. He really does. Our time on earth is very limited, but His heart yearns for you to know Him in it. Do you?

To others of you who perhaps have been in churches where you were condemned for your weakness, shunned for making poor choices-- God has a place in His heart for you. "*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly*" (Romans 5:6).

The greatest act of love the world has ever known was accomplished with you in mind.

The pain and weakness we experience in this life, reveal to us our need for grace. In that realization, we only need to turn to Him, confess our sin before Him, and ask Him to come into our lives (1 John 1:9, Ephesians 2:8-9).

As a child of God, you will never be turned away (John 10:28). You will never be excommunicated, never left alone (Hebrews 13:5).

And when this life is over, you will be welcomed into Heaven, a place without tears, death, or pain (Revelation 21:4).

God aches for you, and He longs to be your Comforter. Please don't give up on Him. After all...

**He'll never give up on you!**

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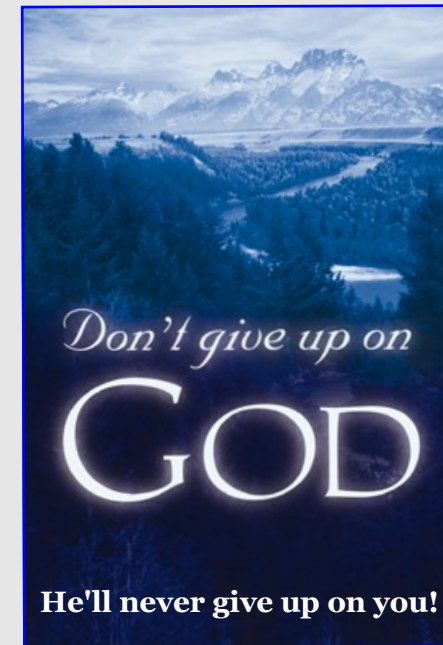
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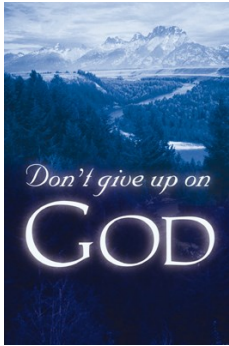
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## He Cares For You

I've seen the looks in  
some of your eyes.  
You have been hurt,  
wounded and, worst  
of all, disappointed.

Perhaps someone betrayed your  
trust, mismanaged your belong-  
ings, or said things that stabbed like  
daggers in your already fragile heart.  
It wasn't fair. It was not right. It was-  
n't called for.

Some of you have held the hands of  
loved ones as they passed from this  
world of time and space into eternity.  
You were with them as they suffered,  
you heard them gasp for their final  
breath. Perhaps someone's  
carelessness on the road put them  
there.

It wasn't fair. It's not right. *'It was  
too early'*, you say, as you shake your  
fists toward the sky wondering why.

## We all have questions.

Why would a loving God do this?  
*If He's really there*, couldn't He stop  
the madness we experience in the  
course of this life?

Perhaps your last visit to the doctor  
brought you devastating news.  
"Procedures and options" were laid  
out before you like a menu as you  
tried to cope with all that was said  
moments ago about your condition.  
Unwelcome statistics and visions of  
treatment and suffering dance  
across your mind like flames in a  
fire.

Questions pile up in innumerable  
amounts, and again you wonder . . .

*'Why would a loving God do this? If  
He's really there, couldn't He stop  
the madness we experience in the  
course of this life?'*

Have you had these questions  
burning in your heart? You are not  
alone, and God does not condemn  
questions. God has long been  
accused of "not doing enough."

## What happened when Jesus was here?

Even when He was here in the flesh,  
the people of the day expected Jesus  
to do more. To overthrow the  
Roman government and do away  
with the horrible oppression and  
suffering of the Jewish nation. He  
didn't, so many did not believe and  
were voting with the same crowd  
that crucified Him in the end. They  
could not understand that His  
mission was to invite them into the  
Kingdom of God, which is not of  
this world.

## What does Jesus say to you now?

To those of you who have been  
wounded and hurt, disappointed by  
someone's unfaithfulness or  
dishonesty, please know that the  
Lord is not like that. God is who  
He says He is. The Bible says, *"We  
can rely on the love God has for us.  
God is love! Whoever lives in love,  
lives in God and God in him".*  
(1John 4:16)