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CONNECTION MATTERS

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Your God 'Connection'

James 4:8 (NKJV)
8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalms 34:8
O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Sometimes when we have needed a breakthrough, we have called on someone we or others know to help. But think on this for a moment: the whole God of this immeasurable universe, the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who has made each one of us unique, and knows every strand of hair on our head, wants to have a connection with you. James 4:8 is one of the greatest opportunities and assurances any person can receive in this life: when we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. The Psalmist puts this another way in Psalm 34:8 - 'O taste and see that the Lord is good'. This is an opportunity to have intimacy with God. Get connected with God! The opposite is also true: Friendship with a world system that focuses a person on himself or herself rather than on God will draw that person away from God. If we draw near to the world, the world will draw near to us. If we draw near to the devil, he has already been waiting for that. Connecting with God involves intentionally building a personal relationship with Him. Let God be the "God of [your name]."

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Connecting with All Your Heart

Jeremiah 29:12-14a (NKJV)
12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity;

Jeremiah assured his people that if they sought God, they would find Him, if they searched for Him with all their heart. No one can connect you with God except you. Consistently fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit guarantees a connection with God. Let us seize this opportunity, for connection with God matters! Let us not wait till we are in distress before we call on Him. But even if that happens, He will not abandon us, for He is a faithful God. How do we seek God with all our heart? Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." When we connect with our loved ones, our minds are stayed on them. Staying your mind on God means choosing to keep your thoughts, focus, and attention anchored on Him rather than letting worry or fear or vain thoughts take over. This also involves believing He is in control at all times. A hymnist expressed connecting with God in a beautiful way: "Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blessed, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love." To connect with God demands perfect submission, no lukewarmness, no double-mindedness, watching His word, waiting prayerfully without ceasing, always expecting to be filled with His goodness, and losing yourself in His love, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love Him. May we be strengthened to stay connected with our God always. Amen!

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