

# Jenaministries – Part 2 – Bible Study Worksheet

## F) Jesus Loves & Leads - Worksheet

**Read:** Part 2 #7) Does Jesus Love You?

Part 2 #11) Does God Really Lead Us?

1. Do you believe Jesus loves you? Have you felt His love? How would you explain that to someone who does not know Jesus?

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2. Has the Lord ever turned the direction you were heading? How did He do that?

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3. If a person is not being lead by God, what could be some reasons for that?

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## 7. Does Jesus Love You?

Do you believe Jesus loves you? Have you felt or experienced His love for you?

First let's look at what scriptures say (See [Scriptures 1-5 Jesus Loves You](#))

- 1) In John 3:16 and Romans 5:7-8 - scriptures explain that Jesus died for us even when we were sinners. And yes, He died for you. To be willing to die for our loved ones takes a special kind of love.
- 2) In Matthew 11:28-30 - Scriptures describe that we can find rest in Jesus and give our burdens to Him. He is gentle and humble in heart and is always there for us.
- 3) In John 14:18 and Deuteronomy 13:6 – Scriptures say Jesus will never leave you or forsake you. He will always be there for you.
- 4) In John 14:27 - Scriptures explain that Jesus leaves us peace. He does not give us as the world gives. He gives peace.
- 5) In Romans 8:35-39 - Scriptures say that nothing can separate us from the love of God – not even trouble or hardship, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or danger or sword, or death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I didn't believe or feel that Jesus loved me for at least 5 years after being born again. I can remember being in church and saying that I believed Jesus is Lord worthy of all praise, but didn't believe He loved me. I'm sure that growing up with no visible love had a strong effect on me and always will.

The first 5 or so years of my salvation was Jesus bringing all the hurts in my past up to the surface and dealing with them. I was taught never to cry and I held everything in. Jesus taught me how to cry it all out. I can see now that He made me go through that for my own good, but I surely couldn't see that then.

I can't name a particular moment when I realized Jesus does love me. It was a long and difficult process. But I can say that now I do know Jesus loves me. He has proven it over and over again.

If you don't believe Jesus loves you, rest assured there will come a day when you do. You may want to try not looking at your worldly life, but look at your spiritual life. **JESUS DOES LOVE YOU!** Don't give up on that fact. Be patient and allow Jesus to prove that to you.

# jenaministries – Part 2 7. Does Jesus Love You?

## Scriptures 1-5 Jesus Loves You

### 1) Jesus Died for Us

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:7-8 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### 2) Find Rest in Jesus

Matthew 11:28-30 (Jesus said) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### 3) Jesus Will Never Leave You

John 14:18 (Jesus said) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Deuteronomy 13:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

### 4) Jesus Leaves Us Peace

John 14:27 (Jesus said) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

### 5) Nothing Can Separate Us from God

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 11. Does God Really Lead Us?

Does Jesus really lead us in our life? Does He get involved in our decision making and way of living? Absolutely yes, if we allow Him. Not all the time and maybe even not most of the time. But the Lord knows when we are heading down a wrong path and will turn us around onto the right path.

Of course, the Holy Bible gives us guidance and has many scriptures about God leading us (**Scriptures – God Leads**). We can always count on the Bible to give us guidance and wisdom. But what about the unique individual paths we find ourselves on or the decisions we need to make? Sometimes we need to hear from God to find our way.

For me, Jesus doesn't usually lead me which way to go with things that I consider important in my life. I pray about things like buying a house, or what to do for a living; and I get no direction from Him. But then when I come to the Lord with my everyday stuff, He'll sometimes turn me around and head me a different direction.

An example is when my son was 17. He was getting into trouble and hanging around friends that I believed were not good for him. I just knew that if he got a job, things would get better. He would feel better about himself, make some new and better friends, and see that having some extra cash feels good. So I started telling him to fill out job applications and I would help him get a job.

But that wasn't what he wanted and he fought it. I just knew a job was what he needed, so I continued to be persistent about it. That brought a lot of stress between us, and one day we had a really intense argument about it.

I went to the Lord that day and told the Lord how frustrated I was with my son. The Lord told me not to talk badly about His child (my son) and to go ask my son what he wanted and whatever it was, give it to him. Well I certainly didn't feel that would work. Surely he'll ask for a new car or a million dollars or something I could not give him. But ended up my son said he just wanted to be a kid a little while longer. Our family had been through some hard times and my son felt cheated from his childhood. That's it, that's all he wanted, and I was able to give that to him. I was also able to give my son an awesome testimony about what God did for him.

In my experience, that's how the Lord leads. I wasn't asking for guidance, and I felt I was doing the right thing. But I can't see people's hearts and what other people (even my own children) feel. It changed the way I thought. It taught me how to have patience and to just love no matter what is going on. This experience did change the way I lived my life.

If we don't go to the Lord with our everyday life, we won't give the Lord the opportunity to lead us. Even if we go to Him with things that we consider important, and get no guidance, doesn't mean He doesn't lead us. He knows when we need direction. But if we don't come to Jesus with everything, we may miss out on His wonderful guidance. He does provide a path of which way to go. We just need to follow Jesus. Every day, every chance. Follow Jesus.

## jenaministries – Part 2 - 11. Does God Really Lead Us?

### Scriptures - God Leads

Isaiah 48:17 This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who leads you in the way you should go.

Psalms 17:5-6 My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Psalms 27:11 Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Acts 2:25-28 David said about him: " 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

John 8-47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."