

## America Faces 'Wall of Worry'

- Joblessness grows—(A pink slip is tangible. But some of the reasons behind employers letting go can be traced back to the effects of something intangible. Fear.)
- Homes are deserted.
- Despair, loneliness, depression grows.
- Banks, car makers struggle.
- Government has no answer.

- The Bible declares that nothing in creation is hidden from God! "*Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*"—Ps. 147:5 (NIV).
- The Bible announces that God knows everything about you! "*You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and you know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working, and from heaven you discover my thoughts. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go. Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say, and with your powerful arm you protect me from every side. I can't understand all of this! Such wonderful knowledge is far above me.*"—Ps. 139:1-6 (CEV)
- The fact that God knows everything about you and me is a very good thing and it makes a tremendous difference in our lives.

### The Differences Include:

#### # 1—God knows your ***feelings*** and ***frustrations!***

"*You know how troubled I am; you have kept a record of my tears.*"—Ps. 56:8 (GNT)  
"*The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.*"—  
Ps.103:13 (NLT)

**So** spill it: Give those feelings and frustrations to God—now!

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#### # 2—God knows your ***fears.***

God knows everything that gets you stressed out, including your concerns about  
the economy and your financial situation and fears.

The Bible says—"*Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*"—Ps.6:8 (NIV)

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you ask . . ." What is the use of praying, then?"

Prayer is never giving information to God! You pray to get the answer to your needs; he is  
waiting for you to ask him for help. The Bible says:

"*You do not have, because you do not ask God.*"—James 4:2 (NIV)

**So** start talking \_\_\_\_\_

### # 3—God knows your faithfulness!

God sees everything you do that is good and right. Every time you choose not to sin, every time you resist temptation, every time you take a stand because of God's Truth, he sees your faithfulness to him.

*"Anyone who welcomes you is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me is welcoming the Father who sent me. If you welcome a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will receive that same reward a prophet gets. And if you welcome good and godly people because of their godliness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."*—Matthew 10:40-42—(NLT)

Some of you may be saying—"I've been trying to do the right thing in my marriage. I don't see any results. I've been trying to be the right kind of person and respond correctly with my kids or to my parents. I've been trying to do the right thing at work or at school. And I don't know if it's paying off. I don't see it making any difference in anybody's life."

God says: *"I see it and it doesn't matter who else sees it."* Nothing good we do is ever done in vain.

**"So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time."**—Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

### #4 God knows your future!

We're all interested in the future. It's interesting to me the things people will try to figure out what's going to happen next: astrology, horoscopes, reading tea leaves, consulting with people, biorhythms.

The Bible says, even before you were born, God knew all of your future:

*"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book.—Ps. 139:16 (NLT)*

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."—Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)*

This means God sees your tomorrow, today. He already sees the things you'll face. God is not limited by time. From his perspective, he can see past, present, and future all at once. It's comforting to me that he knows everything that is going to happen in my life. He not only knows about the future, he's there in the future.

Tomorrow, or next week, or next year you may be faced with a crisis, and you may ask, "What's happening? Where is God?" He 's already in your future and he's prepared for everything.

**So,** if I know that God knows all my tomorrows today then I should ask for advice.

*"Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."*—Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)

**God can show me how to . . .**

*". . . live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need."*

Philippians 4:12-13 (NLT)