

## God Understands

### Psalm 139:1-6

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

Do you ever feel \_\_\_\_\_ and as if no one in the whole world understands how you feel? Today we're going to \_\_\_\_\_ the One who understands and loves us. Of all our blessings nothing is more \_\_\_\_\_ than having a close, loving, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing that He loves us makes us \_\_\_\_\_ to love Him all the more. Knowing that His teaching and His commandments are for our \_\_\_\_\_ makes us want to keep His commandments. The Bible provides the wisdom to give us the \_\_\_\_\_ kind of life on earth and to give us the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven. Don't let a day go by without \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

Perhaps you \_\_\_\_\_ the famous atheist, Madeline Murray O'Hare. When her diaries were \_\_\_\_\_, it was found emphasized three times the words: "Will somebody, somewhere, please \_\_\_\_\_ me?" Many \_\_\_\_\_ this kind of loneliness and longing to be understood and loved. Without God in our lives we often \_\_\_\_\_ alienated and alone. With God we can \_\_\_\_\_ that we're loved, wanted, and never alone. The last words of the Lord Jesus were, "and lo, I am with you \_\_\_\_\_, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God promises us, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

With God we have a \_\_\_\_\_ in life, a peace that passes understanding, a joy inexpressible, and a living hope. With God we have found a love that never \_\_\_\_\_ and never \_\_\_\_\_. Because Jesus came to this earth, He understands us with \_\_\_\_\_ our weaknesses and imperfections. Jesus came to save us from the things that will \_\_\_\_\_ us. We \_\_\_\_\_ Him in our lives. Do you have the Lord Jesus in your life?

**Our reading today is a Psalm of David, Psalm 139:1-6.** That's a tremendous relationship between David and the Father. I hope you have one like that.

**Read the story of the farmer, the boy, and the puppy in the transcript.**

Perhaps at times you wished someone, just anyone would understand and \_\_\_\_\_ you with all your faults and troubles. There's someone who does! He understands you and will \_\_\_\_\_ love you. You may be \_\_\_\_\_ inside or outside, but He understands. You may be \_\_\_\_\_, but He understands. You may have it \_\_\_\_\_ and feel like giving up, but He understands. You may have been \_\_\_\_\_ and have reason to be \_\_\_\_\_. He understands. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ about you. He knows what you've been through. He knows how you

\_\_\_\_\_. He knows what you've \_\_\_\_\_. He knows all your \_\_\_\_\_ and all your \_\_\_\_\_. He understands and loves you in \_\_\_\_\_ of it all. Who? Jesus, of course!

**Read what the Bible says in Hebrews 4:14-16.** Jesus experienced, in his short life, all the struggles and temptations that we \_\_\_\_\_. He knows what it is to be \_\_\_\_\_, and he also knows what it is to be Divine. He knows what it is to \_\_\_\_\_ and to be \_\_\_\_\_, and He knows what it is to do what is right even when things are utterly \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible says that Jesus, “knew all people and He needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man” (John 2:24-25). As a human, Jesus knew what it was like to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:2 says, “And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was \_\_\_\_\_.” While hanging on the cross, Jesus said, “I \_\_\_\_\_.” We also know that Jesus grew \_\_\_\_\_ at times (John 4:5-6). Jesus never had a \_\_\_\_\_, never had any \_\_\_\_\_. His father likely died before his ministry began, leaving him with a mother and several siblings to \_\_\_\_\_. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ life as an itinerant preacher. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to some and \_\_\_\_\_ by others. He never owned a \_\_\_\_\_; He walked everywhere he went; and He knew what it was like to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you imagine, from the time of your \_\_\_\_\_ people thinking you were illegitimate? Can you imagine the soldiers of King Herod the Great hunting for you to \_\_\_\_\_ your life? The Bible says, “Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and \_\_\_\_\_ all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men” (Matthew 2:16).

Can you imagine your family thinking that you were \_\_\_\_\_? The Bible says, “And when his \_\_\_\_\_ heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, ‘He is out of his \_\_\_\_\_’” (Mark 3:21). Can you imagine your own family and friends refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ you? John 1:11 says, “He came to his own, and his own people did not \_\_\_\_\_ him.” The people of his hometown, Nazareth, \_\_\_\_\_ him and even tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him. **Read Mark 6:2-6.**

Can you imagine your disciple and friend \_\_\_\_\_ you out? The Bible says, “Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What will you give me if I \_\_\_\_\_ him over to you?’ And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ him” (Matthew 26:14-16). Can you imagine being betrayed with a \_\_\_\_\_?

Can you imagine your close friend and disciple \_\_\_\_\_ about knowing you? The Bible describes the boast of Peter: “and Peter answered him, ‘Though they all fall away because of

you, I will never fall away.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!’ And all the disciples said the same” (Matthew 26:33-35). But when the \_\_\_\_\_ came upon them, they did fall away. Peter denied him not once, not twice, but three times; and the last time in the very \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

Can you imagine being \_\_\_\_\_ by your father to be crucified? The Father sent His Son into this world to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself as an act of love and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins. It was most difficult for Jesus to face the \_\_\_\_\_. In Matthew 26:38 Jesus said, “My soul is very \_\_\_\_\_, even to the point of death.” The Bible describes His prayer in the garden this way: “And being in \_\_\_\_\_ he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground” (Luke 22:42).

Can you imagine \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross, bruised and bleeding, while the people around you are \_\_\_\_\_ you? Matthew 27:41-43 says: “So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, \_\_\_\_\_ him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ in him. He trusts in God; let God \_\_\_\_\_ him now, if he desires him. For he said’, ‘I am the Son of God.’” Can you imagine remaining \_\_\_\_\_ during all their ugly mockery? Can you imagine being in excruciating pain at the hands of very wicked men and \_\_\_\_\_ striking back? First Peter 2:23 says, “When he was reviled, he did not revile in \_\_\_\_\_; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to Him who judges justly.”

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the good and the bad, the easy and the hard, the fair and the unfair. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ and He knows \_\_\_\_\_. In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, Jesus said to each of the seven churches of Asia, “I \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.” He knew the positive and the negative. He praised them for the \_\_\_\_\_ and rebuked them for the \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ them for their toil, their perseverance, their sound doctrine, their faithfulness in tribulation, their willingness to suffer poverty and even blasphemy for the name of Christ, and for how they lived, and how they showed their love, their faith, and their service to the Lord. But He also \_\_\_\_\_ them when they left their first love, when they compromised, when they claimed to be alive but had died, and when they were distastefully lukewarm. Jesus knows about your \_\_\_\_\_ life, whether you are growing or dying or lukewarm.

Jesus knows when you’re \_\_\_\_\_ and when life has caved in on you. I love God’s faithful promise: “No \_\_\_\_\_ has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is \_\_\_\_\_, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your \_\_\_\_\_, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). God understands your \_\_\_\_\_ and he will not let temptation and trials

so overwhelm you that you cannot endure them. When you cannot stand the temptation, the Lord will make a way of escape so that you don't fall into \_\_\_\_\_. He'll bless you and help you. He promises, "I will never \_\_\_\_\_ you nor \_\_\_\_\_ you" (Hebrews 13:5). The God who understands also stands by us to \_\_\_\_\_ us through all our struggles.

He knows your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_. He also knows your \_\_\_\_\_. If you love Jesus, He knows it. If you have \_\_\_\_\_ Him, He also knows it. If you've let \_\_\_\_\_ come into your life and overcome you, He knows it. In spite of all He loves us \_\_\_\_\_. He loves us \_\_\_\_\_ in our sins and weaknesses. He still wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ close to Him. To the lukewarm church at Laodicea, the Lord and Savior Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the \_\_\_\_\_ and knock. And if anyone \_\_\_\_\_ my voice and \_\_\_\_\_ the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with you. He wants to be your \_\_\_\_\_. He took the \_\_\_\_\_ in building that relationship by offering to you and me his love and grace. No \_\_\_\_\_ who you are or what you have done in the past, the Lord's heart is big enough and open enough to \_\_\_\_\_ you and welcome you into his family, if you are willing to come to him. Won't you come to Jesus today?

Some think, "God couldn't possibly want me to \_\_\_\_\_ Him." The Lord God \_\_\_\_\_ you and \_\_\_\_\_ you. God wants "all men to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4); and He wants to save you. God sent Jesus into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins. Yes, sin will cause us to be \_\_\_\_\_; but God gives us an \_\_\_\_\_ to our problem with sin in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Saul of Tarsus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners, but Christ could still save him. The apostle Paul, that is Saul of Tarsus, said, "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received \_\_\_\_\_ for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect \_\_\_\_\_ as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:15-16). I tell you, if God could forgive Saul of Tarsus, He can forgive you, too!

Won't you come to him? Why not let God into your life? Demonstrate your faith and love by \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins, \_\_\_\_\_ Him to be the Christ, the Son of God, and by being \_\_\_\_\_ in water for the forgiveness of your sins. The Lord wants you to be \_\_\_\_\_ of water and the Spirit (John 3:5); and this means being baptized. Galatians 3:26-27 says, "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through \_\_\_\_\_. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ." Why not become a child of God today? Don't let another day go by without God in your life. No one understands you and loves you more. You'll never make a better decision than to follow Jesus Christ.