

# Titus Women

ALL OF ME FOR ALL OF JESUS

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

## Does It Really Say That?

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“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.”

Acts 17:27 NLT

Why must we be reminded so often of all that God has for us? Perhaps we forget that the life God planned is possible for each person, and not a selected few.

Several years have passed since the deaths of my parents, yet some of their final words still pierce my heart today. One such conversation with my dad came to mind while talking on the phone recently.

My dad had woken in the middle of the night and was afraid to be alone. He and my mom were in hospital beds in the living room/dining room of our home. Dad was fearful of a picture hanging on our living room wall that night, so I took it down and put it in another room. He wanted me to sit beside him by the bed and read from my Bible. It seemed odd at the time because He did not know Jesus. A few weeks later my dad prayed to receive his salvation from Jesus, and then just a few weeks after that, he died.

I do not remember what I read to him that night, but I wonder if the outcome would have been the same if I had not read Scripture to him that night he was so fearful. I don't know. I do know that God's ways are not my or our ways. I believe all happens for specific reasons in God's world. I believe that night with my dad, God wanted my dad to search for Him, and He gave me that time to see Him search for my dad.

If you are searching for God, His word will not only reveal Him to you, but it will also reveal who you are in the eyes of God. His word speaks volumes about love, wisdom, order, truth, hope and so much more. Just take a look at these two brief passages and see what God is saying to you.

Acts 17:27, “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.”

And 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, “It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us. (NLT)

I often find it helpful to make a list of what I see and hear the scripture saying.

From Acts 17:27

We are created to seek after God.

God desires us to find Him.

He is never far from us.

From 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

God enables.

God enables you to stand firm for Christ.

He has identified you as His own.

God has placed the Holy Spirit within you.

He guarantees all His promises.

What happens if these verses are personalized for your use only, for you to ponder? It may go something like this.

God created me to find Him and He wants to be found by me.

He is always near; I will never have to wonder where He has gone. God enables me to stand firm for Christ. He calls me His own by placing the Holy Spirit within my heart, as a guarantee to me for all He promises me.



Yes, God really does say all that and more within His living Word. Within His Word we find hope, purpose, and God's plan for your life and mine; we find God Himself. He created us to be His own. He is seeking each of us, whether to redeem us or to reveal more of His heart so that we know Him more deeply. How are you looking for Jesus today?