

## **Day 14**

Psalm 10.1  
Job 23.8-10  
Job 13.15

### **Day 14- When God Seems Distant**

No matter how hard you try, there will be times when God doesn't feel very close. Believe it or not, this is normal. A relationship with God isn't based just on feelings. At times this will be very hard to accept. When you feel great about your relationship with God one day, and the next it doesn't feel the same, our natural way of thinking is that something has changed. The fact is we are humans and our emotions can change with as little as our diet or sleep. Thankfully, God isn't as up and down as that. When we don't feel our relationship with God emotionally, there are some things we can do to help us stay on track.

Tell God what we feel like. It's okay to let God know it doesn't feel the same today. All through the Bible, some of the closest people to God let him know that they just don't feel close, and he always seems to appreciate us letting him know. Remember that God doesn't change. We do. God has been the same since the beginning. If we keep that in mind, it is a little easier to trust that he hasn't moved away from us or forgotten us.

Know that God will keep his promises. He always does. Of all your friends, he is the one you can count on no matter what. Remember that God has already done so much for you. If you have a relationship with God, that means that you have accepted his gift of Christ's death on the cross. Don't think for a moment that someone who has brought you this far and done this much for you would leave you there.

Even if God did nothing else to build a relationship with us, he would still deserve our full devotion. But remember that he stays and we tend to leave when it doesn't feel the same. Stay true to God and continue doing what brings you closer to him, even if it feels different today. Tomorrow you will be happy that you did.

#### **Thinking about my purpose:**

**Know.** God is real, no matter how I feel.

**Remember.** "For God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.'" - Hebrews 13.5 (TEV)

**Think about it.** What will I do if I don't feel the same tomorrow?