

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

God is For Us!

Worksheet 7: **October 15, 2015**—*trust*

We know that God is for things like righteousness, goodness, justice, mercy, agape' and truth. And Scripture says that God is **for us!** In the equation, what does the “for” indicate? God, in His Word, invites us to trust that the “for” means He is **with us**; He is **in favor of us**; He is **on our side**, and He is **in our place!**

“God is **for you**.

Had he a calendar, your birthday would be circled.
If he drove a car, your name would be on his bumper.
If there's a tree in heaven, he's carved your name in the bark.
We know he has a tattoo, and we know what it says:
“*I have written your name on my hand*” Isaiah 49:16.

—Max Ludado

“Our God is a God who not merely restores,
but takes up our mistakes and follies into His plan **for us**
and brings good out of them.”

—J. I. Packer

“Because He is **for us**, the voice of prayer will always ensure his help to us.”

—Charles Spurgeon

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Nehemiah 4:20b

Psalm 73:23

1 Corinthians 1:30

Philippians 4:3c (very last phrase)

Revelation 21:3

Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:31 “*If God is for me, who can be against me?”*

Prayer Requests and Praises:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Finish the following four phrases with what you know scripturally about how **God is for us...**

He is **with us** _____
 (example: in conception, in death, in trial...etc.)

He is **in favor of us** _____

He is **on our side** _____

He is **in our place** _____

2. Think of five words or phrases that would describe the opposite of the statement “God is for us” without simply inserting the word *not*—**lies** that Satan would tell us.

3. Explain the memory verse for this lesson (Romans 8:31), and answer the question it asks.

The Q is: “...*who can be against me?*” _____

Recommended Reading:

God Came Near, Max Lucado

Grace, God’s Unmerited Favor, Charles Spurgeon

In the words of Ben Stein:

I only hope we find God again before it is too late!

Ben Stein wrote and recited this on the CBS Sunday Morning Commentary in 2009:

“I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish.... “I don’t like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don’t think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can’t find it in the Constitution and I don’t like it being shoved down my throat.

“Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren’t allowed to worship God as we understand Him? ...there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to....”

“Billy Graham’s daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her, ‘How could God let something like this (Hurricane Katrina) happen?’ Anne Lotz gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, ‘I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we’ve been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?’

“In light of recent events—terrorist attack, school shootings, etc.—I think it started when Madeleine Murray O’Hare (her murdered body found a few years ago) complained she didn’t want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible, which says *thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself*, in school. We said OK.

“Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn’t spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Spock’s son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he’s talking about. And we said OK.

“Now we’re asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don’t know right from wrong, and why it doesn’t bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves. ...if we think about it...enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with ‘We reap what we sow.’

“Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world’s going to hell: Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.... Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.”