

## Someone Worth Dying For

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You might be the wife waiting up at night,  
you might be the man struggling to provide  
feeling like it's hopeless.

Maybe you're the son who chose the broken road,  
maybe you're the girl thinking you'll end up alone.  
Praying God can You hear me? Oh, God are You listening?

Refrain:

Am I more than flesh and bone?

Am I really something beautiful?

Yeah, I wanna believe, I wanna believe,  
that I'm not just some wandering soul,  
that You don't see and You don't know.

Yeah, I wanna believe, Jesus help me believe,  
that I am someone worth dying for.

I know you've heard the truth that God has set you free.  
But you think you're the one grace can never reach.  
So you just keep asking, what everybody's asking.

Refrain:

You're worth it, you can't earn it. Yeah the cross has proven,  
that you're sacred and blameless, your life has purpose.

You are more than flesh and bone.

Can't you see you're something beautiful?

Yes, you've got to believe, you've got to believe,  
He wants you to see, He wants you to see  
that you're not just some wandering soul,  
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Psalm 25:17-18 *“My problems go from bad to worse. Oh save me from them all! See my sorrows; feel my pain; forgive my sins”.* The Living Bible

Psalm 22:1 *“My God! My God, why have You left me alone? Why are You so far from saving me? So far from my anguished groans.”* The Common English Bible

Psalm 8:2 *“Lord, I lift my hands to heaven and implore Your help. Oh listen to my cry.”* The Living Bible

Have you ever cried words like one of these psalms? Describe one of those times. Do you question if God hears your cries? Why? How does that feel?

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Matthew 10:29-31 *“When birds are sold, two small birds cost only a penny. But Not even one of those little birds can die without the Father knowing it. So don’t be afraid. You are worth more than a flock of birds.”* Easy to Read Version

John 12:46 *“I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer wander in the darkness.”* The Living Bible

Romans 5:7-8 *“Even if we were good, we really wouldn’t expect anyone to die for us, though of course, that might be barely possible. But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were yet sinners.”* The Living Bible

In Matthew, Jesus reminds us that God cares so deeply for all of creation that not even the death of a small bird goes unnoticed – and that we are more valued than a flock of birds. How does that make you feel? Do you have trouble seeing yourself as that valued? Why?

In John, Jesus tells us He came to light our path to God. That means, that Jesus sees us and wants the path to be clear, so we don’t have to wander – searching for our own way to God. How does that make you feel?

In his letter to the Romans, Paul reminded them, and us, that God knows our weaknesses and still loved us enough to send Christ to take on our sins and make us right with God. Take some time to offer God any doubts you might have about whether you deserve Jesus’ sacrifice. Remember Jesus opened that door for you! If you’ve already accepted Jesus’ sacrifice, take this time to say thank you.

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1 Samuel 16:7b *"Man does not see what the Lord Sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart."* Holcomb Christian Standard Bible

Psalm 27:7 *"Listen to my pleading Lord! Be merciful and send the help I need."* The Living Bible

If we judge ourselves based on our perceived value in the world, it's easy to question our value in God's eyes. How do you feel the world sees you?

The verse from 1 Samuel comes from the story of Samuel's finding and anointing David as God's chosen leader. At the time, David was the youngest, and was often overlooked by his family. When Samuel instructed Jesse to gather all his sons, Jesse didn't even call David in from the fields where he was tending his father's sheep. And Samuel, looking with human eyes, assumed God would choose one of David's brothers - older, stronger, more worldly. But God corrected Samuel, *"Man does not see what the Lord Sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart."*

Spend some time with your heart, think about what God would see there. Talk with God about those things.

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Psalm 31:1 *"Lord I trust in You alone. Don't let my enemies defeat me. Rescue me because You are the God who always does right."* The Living Bible

Romans 5:6-8 *"Christ arrives on time to make this happen. He didn't and doesn't wait for us to get ready. He presented Himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put His love on the line for us by offering His Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to Him."*

The Message

Romans 3:22 *"Now God says He will accept and acquit us - declare us "not" guilty if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we can all be saved this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like."* The Living Bible

This version of the verses from Romans 5 is a bit different than the first one we read. This one spells out why “*we were of no use whatever*” to God. But it doesn’t change the facts. Jesus saw you and what you are struggling with, those things that make you doubt your worth. And “He wants you to see that you’re not just some wandering soul, that can’t be seen and can’t be known.” Jesus wants you to believe, as He does, “that you are someone worth dying for.” The cross proves your worthiness! Spend some time resting in that idea. Allow yourself to feel the weight of those things that you’ve allowed to separate you from your truth in Jesus lifted away. Allow yourself to feel God’s love enfold you...

“O my soul, why be so gloomy and discouraged?  
Trust in God! I shall again praise Him for His wondrous help;  
He will make me smile again, for He is my God!”

Psalm 43:5  
The Living Bible