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DEDICATION

Kay Snider: You are my encouraging muse.

Jonathan Snider: Never give up on your dreams.

FORWARD

John 3:16, the most famous verse in the Bible, shouts out that we matter! The proof is in the price that was paid for our salvation.

We all live with a sin nature, surrounded by people with sin natures, in a sin cursed world. Before we know it, events can spiral out of control, leaving us feeling defeated, destroyed, and desperate!

Pastor Snider challenges everyone to make the best progress out of the worst times. The Biblical truths that you need to know are in this book. It demonstrates hope for the most desperate and defeated person. No one has to stay down. No one has to stay defeated.

Pastor Snider knows what he is talking about. He points you to the Bible answers. He knows that they work.

I wish for a widespread audience for this publication.

Phil Stringer

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Introduction

And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress? And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.”
(2Kings 6:24-30)

Samaria found itself in a horrific situation that just went from bad to worse to nauseating. The **bad** was that Samaria was being surround by an enemy bent on their destruction. The **worse** was the besieged caused a very severe famine. Food was extremely scarce and the people were paying exorbitant prices for small amounts of anything edible. A donkey's head and dove's dung for example. The **nauseating** was when

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two women were so hungry, they agreed to eat each other's babies.

When one hears this story, you would have every right ask a few questions. Why did God allow this army to cause so much agony? Was God paying attention to the fact that people were suffering. Where was God?

You may ask yourself a similar question when hardship and heart break happen to you "God, where are you?"

What if it is Sunday night and you have \$9.00 dollars to last you until Friday? Is God aware of your situation?

Your wife leaves you for another man and for the first time in your life you feel you have no life? Does God understand how you feel?

You lose your job and you are ashamed to go home and tell your wife. Does God care?

Maybe you have felt like Connie, "I am feeling broken. I am broken and I am weak. I am not going to lie; I have been really down. I even cried while on the road. No one knows what one goes through. Each day having to wake up wondering if it's going to be any different. A smile on my face so no one will notice my pain, yup that's me. People have said they would be there for me, but it turns out they are not."

Do you feel God is not paying attention to your dilemma? Does God seem distant from you? You seem to face tragedy after tragedy and it appears God is

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absolutely no help. You pray and pray and there is no answer. Ever feel that God has given up on you? So, you have given up on Him.

The world you live in is not a safe place. There are murders, wars, diseases, and tragedy. Why does God allow this to happen? You know He could step in and stop it from happening. Why does God allow suffering?

This study will ask and answer these five questions:

**Is God aware of me?
Does God understand me?
Does God care?
Why do we suffer?
Where is God?**

SO, THIS IS MY LIFE, A THING YOU CRUMBLE UP AND THROW TO THE FLOOR, PEOPLE STEP OVER, KICK TO THE SIDE?

THIS IS YOUR "GREAT PURPOSE" FOR MY LIFE?

OK, I ACCPECT IT.

JUST GRANT ME ONE REQUEST.

HAVE ONE PERSON SHOW ME THEY LOVE ME TODAY.

One of my actual conversations with God.

Question 1: Is God Aware of Me?

Introduction: No one wants to feel insignificant. There is no worse feeling than to be a part of a group and yet you feel invisible. It is an even worse feeling if you believe that God has somehow forgotten you exist. That He is unaware what is going on in your life.

I had such a feeling. Through a series of bad decisions and unfortunate events, I suddenly found myself homeless. I was sleeping in my Ford Escort station wagon and taking baths in a gas station bathroom. No one at my job ever knew and no one at my Church even noticed. I recall one night looking at the stars talking to God, "Do you see how I have to live? God, have you forgotten all I have done for you? This is how you treat me?" I recall rolling back and forth sobbing, "I just need a break, can someone just give me a break?"

I knew that God was not paying attention to me or worse He was ignoring my pleas for help. I did not feel important enough for God to be aware of me. I felt abandoned by everyone and that included God. Was I right? Did God pay attention to more important people? Did I just not rate enough for God to notice me? Do you feel that way? God is just not aware of you and your troubles? Are you asking yourself, **"Is God aware of me?"**

The following verses will answer your question with four great truths: