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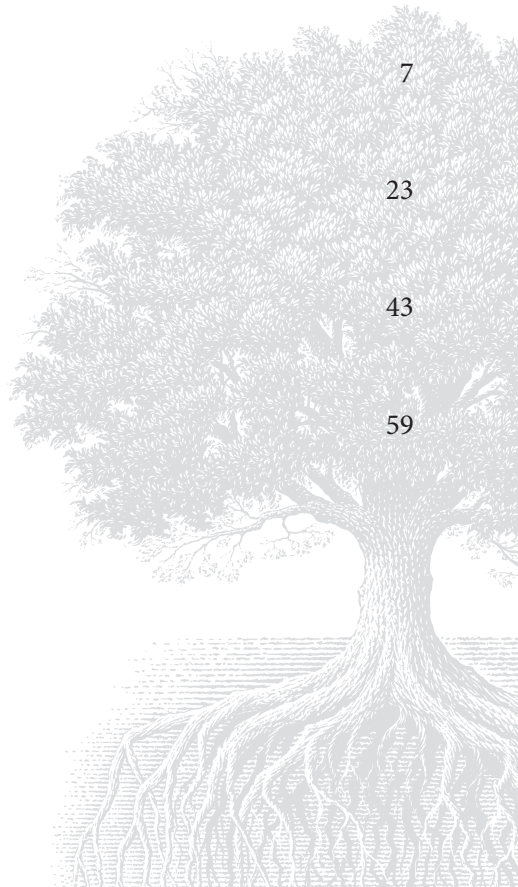
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## NOT BY BREAD ALONE



**B**illions of the world's people go through life spiritually undernourished. The words Jesus spoke centuries ago are still true — “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

Because they recognize this need in their lives that only God can satisfy, many people are turning to serious study of the Bible. Everyone needs to study the Bible — both those new to faith in Jesus and those who have known Christ for many years.

The *Design for Discipleship* studies have been carefully planned to help you:

- *Establish a program of personal study of the Scriptures.*
- *Examine the great truths of the Bible and your response to these.*
- *Learn and practice the essentials of discipleship.*

To get the full benefit of the course, it is important to work consecutively from Book One through Book Seven.

All you need to begin is a Bible. Each question will direct you to a passage of Scripture. After thinking about the passage, write the answer

in your own words.

Scripture references will give the book, chapter, and verse. For example, Revelation 3:20 refers to the book of Revelation, chapter 3, verse 20.

Be sure to pray before you begin each chapter. Ask the Lord for understanding as you study these topics:

- *God Cares for You*
- *The Person of Jesus Christ*
- *The Work of Christ*
- *The Spirit Within You*

At the end of each chapter you will also have an opportunity to process your ideas and feelings. Feel free to use it for:

- *questions you still have*
- *responses that were significant to you*
- *creative expressions (poetry, drawing)*
- *journaling*
- *going deeper into the topic*
- *summary of thoughts and feelings*

You are in for an adventure as you deepen in your life with Christ.

# God Cares for You

**Y**ou are a special person. You are special because God says you are valuable to Him. He genuinely cares about you and what happens to you.

In this chapter you will investigate four statements of God's concern for you:

- *God created you.*
- *God is present and knows you.*
- *God loves you.*
- *God adopted you into His family.*

## GOD CREATED YOU



BEGINNINGS. The most amazing ones flow from God's cosmic plan and design. God Himself is infinite and amazing. Power. Knowledge. Creativity.

1. The first chapter of the Bible tells us that God created the universe out of nothingness. Read Genesis 1:1-5 and list at least three things you notice concerning the Creation.
2. Through what forces did God create the world?  
(Hebrews 11:3)
3. Out of God's infinite wisdom and capacity, He designed and created you. Why? (Isaiah 43:7)

4. The dignity God gave human beings is shown by a person's uniqueness, authority, and purpose. List some ideas from Genesis 1:26-28 that indicate:

a. The uniqueness of humankind

b. The position or authority of humankind

c. God's purpose for humankind

5. Do you like being part of God's humankind? Why or why not?

6. How do you respond to God as your Creator?  
(Revelation 4:11)

**GOD IS PRESENT  
AND KNOWS YOU**



7. In Psalm 139:1-8, David mentions several areas of his personal life that God has “searched and known.” List at least four of them. Then place a check mark by the areas you think God knows about your life.

“ Grace means there is nothing I can do to make God love me more, and nothing I can do to make God love me less. It means that I, even I who deserve the opposite, am invited to take my place at the table in God’s family.

—Philip Yancey,  
*What’s So Amazing About Grace?*

8. How did David respond as he realized that God knew him completely and that God is present everywhere?  
(Psalm 139:23-24)

9. How do you feel about God’s detailed interest in you as revealed by Jesus? (Matthew 10:29-31)