

CARING FOR ANOTHER IN A CRISIS

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“The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. ... So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic ... Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.” (Deuteronomy 31:8, NLT)

1. TRUST IN GOD’S CARE FOR YOU.

“Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Matthew 1:23, NLT)

a. *“...the Lord will personally go ahead of you...”*

b. *“...He will neither fail you...”*

c. *“...nor abandon you...”*

*“Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death.”
(2 Timothy 4:16–17, NLT)*

*“The LORD pays attention to the godly and hears their cry for help.”
(Psalm 34:15, NET)*

2. BE AVAILABLE FOR GOD TO CARE THROUGH YOU.

“I was sick, and you cared for me.” (Matthew 25:36, NLT)

a. Check up on one another.

“My loved ones and friends stay away, fearing my disease. Even my own family stands at a distance.” (Psalm 38:11, NLT)

“But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself.” (Galatians 4:14, NLT)

b. Cheer one another up.

“That is why I am sending him to you, in order to cheer you up by telling you how all of us are getting on.” (Colossians 4:8, GN)

c. Pray for one another.

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2, NASB)

“And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.”
(Matthew 13:58, NLT)

3. GOD LOVES YOU.

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36, NLT)

“In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.” (Luke 15:10, NLT)