

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Do you ever pause and wonder whether anybody cares? Do you ever think, “Does anybody understand what goes on inside the *real* me? Does anyone know my deepest thoughts, worries, and concerns?” Do you ever wish there was somebody you could just be yourself with and not have to pretend?

Do you wonder if anybody out there understands the confusion you feel, or just how hard life can be sometimes? Especially when you look ahead to the future. Does it seem like everyone is traveling in the fast lane—destination unknown? Do you ever look around and wonder what’s going to become of the world? Will the planet descend into dystopian chaos and become an environmental wasteland?

Maybe you’d rather not think about it. You don’t have time, or you don’t have the answers, and it seems hopeless. Yet deep down inside you can’t quite shake the feeling of “What’s wrong with this picture?”

Life is full of opposite extremes. Some people are racing down the information highway, capitalizing on cyberspace and the stock market; while others are sweating it out in the fields, working in factories, or scrounging a life in the cities, struggling to stave off hunger and homelessness.

Do you ever feel like the world is filled with so many voices, each pointing in a different direction and proclaiming a different truth? Each one claims to have the answers, but deep down they’re just as afraid of death and the prospect of fading away into oblivion.

I have the answer for you. It doesn’t matter how confused you feel, where you are, who you are, what you do, whether you’re rich or poor, your gender or ethnicity. If you’re looking for peace of mind and hope in the midst of despair, if you are searching for truth and the meaning of life, if you need

compassion from someone who really cares, then take My hand. I love you and I care.

My name is Jesus. I came to earth long ago and stood up against the status quo of My day to speak truth. I died to show people that there is a better way, a way of hope, love, and eternity with God. I died for you so that you could be free, so that through Me you could find truth and eternal life.

You can call on Me, wherever you are. Just pause and say: “Jesus, I need something real, something that will last, something I can hold on to deep in my soul. I need love that will never end or be lost. Please clear away the confusion I feel and give me Your peace.”

I’ll be there for you always. No matter who you are or what you’ve done, I love you.

—Your Forever Friend, Jesus

You can learn more about God, His love for humanity, and His plan for your life in the Bible. Jesus wants to enter into a personal relationship with you and become a very real part of your life both here and now and forever in eternity. He stands at your heart’s door, waiting for you to open the door and invite Him into your life. (See Revelation 3:20.)

You can do this by sincerely praying this prayer:

Jesus, please forgive me for all my sins. I believe that You died for me. I open the door to my heart, and I invite You into my life. Please fill me with Your love and Holy Spirit, help me get to know You, and guide me in the way of truth. Amen.

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