

## FOR GOD SO LOVED YOU

The number one thing that God wants us to know coming into the new year, is how much He loves us.

Truly believing that God loves us affects everything we do, it changes how we live our lives.

The devil works overtime to get us to believe the lie that God does **not** love us.

It's so easy to get a skewed view of God, that He is all about the rules and does not care about us.

When God shows us something we need to change in our lives, it's not because He is a killjoy, it's because He loves us and wants the best for us.

We have to **choose** to believe John 3:16 and Romans 8:28, that God loves us and will work everything out for our good in the end.

When we spend time with God and listen to Him and obey Him, we can see more clearly that God does love us.

Our perception of someone can be completely different from reality.

Zaccheus was a tax collector and was despised by the people, but Jesus loved him anyway.

Jesus wanted to come to Zaccheus's house and He wants to come into our house too.

Jesus always wants to move into another area of our hearts.

When we know that He loves us, we can open up all the back rooms of our lives and let Him take over.

When we **experience** God's love, change automatically happens in our lives.

Zaccheus didn't change because someone pointed out his sin, he changed because Jesus loved him.

Look at what happened to Paul in Acts 27.

No matter what happens, keep trusting God.

When life bites you, TRUST GOD AND SHAKE IT OFF!

Knowing God loves you also gives you confidence.

Focus on your relationship with God first and all your other relationships will be taken care of.

### **To have a relationship with God, you must:**

1. Talk to Him (about everything, big and small).
2. Listen to Him by reading His word (you can't do all the talking).
3. Listen to Him by listening to church services.
4. Obey what God tells you to do.

## SCRIPTURE LIST

1 John 4:10

John 3:16

Romans 8:28

Luke 19:1-10

1 John 4:11-12

1 John 4:16-18

Acts 27