



## **PRICKLY RELATIONSHIPS -GOD**

We all have many different relationships in our lives. There are friends, family, teachers, boyfriend, and girlfriend just to name a few. The thing about relationships is that sometimes they can be tricky. There can be times where it's just plain tough to deal with certain people. Relationships can be prickly at times.

One of the most prickly relationships in our lives is sometimes our relationship with God. There can be lots of reasons why our relationship with God can feel prickly. It could be because you don't feel close to God. Perhaps you've seen fake Christians and you don't want to be like them, so you don't seek after God. Maybe something happened to you in the past that made you question God and His love for you.

In fact, there might be times when you feel like God is like a porcupine. You might feel like He's hard to touch and He's far away. However, this is not the case. God isn't going to let you get close to Him and then launch some quills on you, saddling you with a bad day or a disease to teach you a lesson. He also isn't hard to approach. He cares about you.

## Who Is God?

If God isn't far away, or sending disease to your life, then who is He?

***And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. – Hebrews 11:6***

The Bible tells us in this verse that God is a rewarder. He's not like a porcupine. Porcupines tend to stick up all their quills when they feel threatened or when someone is too close to them. Many people believe that you touch God and you get burned, but that's not God at all. This verse says that God cares enough to respond to and reward those who seek him

God rewards those who seek after him. He rewards those who get to know him, He's not a porcupine that leaves you with quills in your hands for trying to get to know him. In fact, He actually rewards you and He brings you good things.

## God isn't too busy for you

It can often take a lot of faith to believe this. It's hard for us to imagine that the God of the universe really wants to have a relationship with us, but it's true. God wants nothing more for you to get to know Him. He isn't too busy or too concerned with the other people in the world. He loves you and cares about you in a deep and personal way. He wants to help you to navigate life daily. He cares about your future down to the smallest detail of your life. We just have to believe that God wants to hear from us and have faith that He will reward us when we seek Him.

## **Why Does God Care?**

First of all, God is a God of relationships. He created Adam in the garden to talk to Him and fellowship with Him. God cared so much about us that He sent His son Jesus to restore relationship with man. God cares about you because He knows you. He knows all your inner workings, the silly habits you have, the funny way you chew your food and He loves it. He loves everything about you.

***You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!  
- Psalm 139:16-17***

God knows you like no one else and cares about you like no one else. He wants to be in a relationship with you more than anything in the world.

## **So what does this have to do with you?**

God wants to be a part of the details of your life. For example, have you ever misplaced something? God wants to help you find it. Have you ever had a hard time recalling information on a test at school? God wants to help bring that to your memory. But most of all, have you ever felt left out of the group? Like everyone belonged and you didn't? Or just wished someone could really understand you? God can and He cares about you.

God isn't some untouchable being up in heaven. He's real and He wants you to know Him. However, it's up to you to press in and get to know Him. Challenge yourself today to get to know God better. Spend time reading your Bible and make knowing God a priority in your life today!