

## Jesus Knows; Jesus Cares; Jesus Provides

Have you ever said (or felt) this way, “Oh, I *knew* about it- I just didn’t *care*.”? Whether it was attending an event or a so-called “friend,” perhaps you’ve *known* about their predicament or need, but just didn’t *care* enough to do anything about it. Or more likely, it may be that you’ve been on the other side of this equation- that although others *knew* you were hurting or in need of help, they just didn’t *care* enough to come to your aid. You were the one who *fell among robbers between Jericho and Jerusalem* and needed a *good Samaritan* rather than a *priest* or a *Levite* who *knew/saw* your need of help, but didn’t *care* enough to render aid, cp. Luke 10:30-36. But Jesus always *knows*; Jesus always *cares*, and Jesus always *provides*...

### When our hearts are *troubled*, John 14:1.

- *Tarasso* (translated as “troubled”) means *to agitate, trouble* (at thing, by moving its parts to and fro); *to cause one inward commotion, or take away his calmness of mind*.
- Jesus has “been there” too, cf. John 13:21. Its part of why He was “*made like His brethren in all things*,” cf. Heb.2:14-17.
- While perhaps what Jesus spoke to His disciples/apostles in John 14 don’t all apply to us in exactly the same ways as it did to them, there are comparable elements.
- So, when *your heart is troubled*, please remember that Jesus *knows*, Jesus *cares*, and Jesus *provides*: a **Place** for you, v.3; a **Path** to allow you to get there, v.6; the avenue of **Prayer** to help you along the way, v.13; **Precepts** to guide you, v.26; and **Peace** as you travel, v.27.

### When we are *afraid*, Luke 12:4-9,11

- Jesus knows there will be and are times when we are *afraid*- sometimes, those fears are *unfounded*, vv.4,11, and sometimes we should be *afraid*, v.5.
- Perhaps as a *man*, Jesus experienced *feared* some of the same things we do- like death and the *pain* that sometimes goes with it, cf. Luke 22:39-46.
- But Jesus *knows* our fears, Jesus *cares* about our fears, Jesus *cares* about your fears, and Jesus *provides* for you fears: He always **remembers** you, v.6; He always **values** you, v.7; and He will **reward** your faithfulness, vv.8-9!

### When we are *tempted*, and even when we *fail* Him, Luke 22:24-32

- Jesus knows there will be times when we are *tempted*, and that there are times when we will give in to those temptations in *failure*, vv.33-34.
- Although He did not *fail*, He experienced *firsthand* the challenges of temptation, Heb.4:14-15a.
- Jesus *knows* about our temptations, Jesus *cares* about us in our *hour(s) of trial*, and Jesus *provides* for us in them: **assurance(s)** that He’s right there with us, and that He won’t allow us to experience more than we can handle, 1Cor.10:13a; that He won’t leave us with **nothing but wrong choices**, 1Cor.10:13b; and even **mercy and grace for our failures**, Heb.4:16; Luke 22:31-32 → John 21:15-19; 1John 1:8-9.

**Conclusion:** So when you’re feeling *alone*, *afraid*, and/or *tempted*, please remember that Jesus *knows*, Jesus *cares*, and Jesus *provides*!