

Love Verse Activity

Experience God Love You through the Words of Scripture

Zephaniah 3:17

I, Yahweh, your God, am among you [“with you”, NIV], your MIGHTY one who SAVES you. I REJOICE over you with joy _____; [“I take great DELIGHT in you”, NIV]. I calm you [“QUIET you”, ESV] in my love. I rejoice over you _____ with singing [“shouts of joy”, NASB]”

STEP ONE:

The words capitalized above (MIGHTY, SAVES, REJOICE, DELIGHT, QUIET) are listed on the below (bolded and capitalized). To the right of each of those words are lists of synonyms and antonyms (similar and opposite words). Circle the similar/opposite words that impact you the most.

MIGHTY

Synonyms: strong, powerful, more than capable

Antonyms: powerless, weak, insignificant, feeble

SAVES

Synonyms: frees, redeems, rescues, protects, takes care of, guards

Antonyms: make vulnerable, desert, leave, endanger, harm

REJOICE

Synonyms: celebrate, delight, exult, revel

Antonyms: grieve, sulk, lament, mourn

QUIET

Synonyms: soothe, calm, peaceful, rest, content, satisfied

Antonyms: busy, upset, perturbed, agitated, troubled

DELIGHT

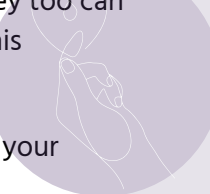
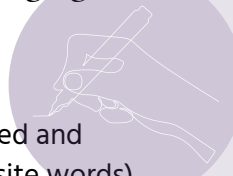
Synonyms: enjoyment, great pleasure or joy, happiness

Antonyms: disappointed, displeased, disgusted, bothered

STEP TWO:

Ask Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to guide you as you amplify your passage with the words you chose that are meaningful to you. But also, be free to write other words or phrases that come to your mind because they too can be from Holy Spirit. Dallas Willard said, "God's gracious incursions into our souls can make our thoughts his thoughts. He will help us learn to distinguish when a thought is ours alone and when it is also his."

Don't be quick to evaluate. Just write and trust. When you are finished you can "weigh and test" them in your heart [1 Corinthians 14:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21] and/or ask your pastor or spiritual leader you trust.



STEP THREE:

Below each phrase, write the phrase adding the word or words you selected from the lists of synonyms and antonyms and any other words that pop into your mind.

For example:

(Your first phrase):

I, Yahweh, the Lord your God, am with you,
your mighty one who saves you.

(Amplified Example):

"I, Yahweh, the Lord your God, am with you, your
mighty, strong, powerful one who saves, guards, and
protects you. Never worry that I would leave you or
endanger you.

YOUR TURN:

I, Yahweh, the Lord your God, am with you, your MIGHTY one who SAVES you.

I REJOICE over you _____; I take great DELIGHT in you with joy.

I calm you and QUIET you in my love.

I REJOICE over you _____ with singing, with shouts of joy!

To make the Vocalize part of this activity easier, we recommend combining your "amplified" phrases into a single paragraph on a separate page. To get the most out of this intimacy-building activity continue with the next steps: Vocalize, Memorize, Meditate, and Imitate

