

From The Pastor's Pen



God Cares



"...this hope will not lead to disappointment..." **Romans 5:5 NLT**

A man was in prison during the reign of Napoleon Bonaparte. One day while walking around his prison cell in the dungeon, the man scratched into the wall the words "Nobody Cares".

A few weeks later, through a crack in the dungeon floor, a little green plant sprouted up. It seemed like the little plant was reaching for the tiny ray of sunshine that was coming from the small prison cell window. Every day, the man began giving a little bit of his water to the tender plant and it kept on growing. One morning the man awoke and a beautiful flower had appeared. As a tear rolled down his face, he crossed out the words on the wall, "Nobody Cares" and replaced them with "God Cares."

The man's devotion to the flower in his prison cell was reported to the Empress Josephine. She was so very moved that she convinced her husband Napoleon to set the man free.

Are there times in our lives when we feel like "Nobody Cares"? God has planted some little seeds of hope in each and every one of our difficult situations? Maybe, we are stepping on them and don't even know they exist. Or, perhaps we are pulling the little plants up before they can grow into beautiful flowers.

God wants us to be released from our prisons of despair. This morning, look around and try to see what God has planted. You may need to share a little of your water or shift your perspective so you can see what's growing but just remember God has planted some seeds that will blossom into beautiful flowers if you don't give up!

Peace and blessings,

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