

**Far away?**

Indeed. If you could reach the farthest star of the universe, you'd still be an infinity from God's outer limits. God has no limits.

**And yet he's near.**

Closer to you than your own beating heart.

God knows you personally, knows exactly what you're going through.

Knows your weaknesses, your failings, your sins.

And still

He loves you as if you were his only child.

When you suffer, he suffers.

And here's the good news:

God has provided a way for you to come near and know him as your Father, so that you can commune with him and find help for every need.

God has sent his Word into this world to seek out and restore this bewildered human race.

The Word finds us one at a time, speaks to us, invites us to come home to the Father.

**The Word has a name: Jesus.**

And he is speaking to you as you read this.

***"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."***

Just call on his name, Friend,

and he will help you in ways that will astonish you.

***But what the scripture says about being put right with God through faith is this: “You are not to ask yourself, Who will go up into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down).“Nor are you to ask, Who will go down into the world below?” (that is, to bring Christ up from death). What it says is this: “God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart” ... Romans 10: 6-8***

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