## LIVING HOPE DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

#### Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer TBD
- Worship Music Overcomer (Mandisa)
- Discussion Video His Grace is Enough: Your Labor is Not in Vain - Ed
- Open Discussion Sharon
- Prayer Requests Sharon
- Closing & Prayer Sharon

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#### 1 Corinthians 15 ESV

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#### Main Idea

Caregiving is sacred, seen by God, and eternally significant. Every act of love matters - and none of it is in vain.

# caregiving

### Matters To God

• Every act of caregiving - no matter how repetitive or unseen - is meaningful when done in love & faith.

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(1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

• God remembers the love we pour out daily, even when others don't.

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. (Hebrews 6:10 ESV)

• Weariness is real, but we are called to press on, trusting that our faithfulness will bear fruit in due time.

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

(Galatians 6:9 ESV)

 Small gestures - like feeding, bathing, or comforting - are seen by God & carry eternal weight.

42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

(Matthew 10:42 ESV)

• When caregiving feels thankless, remember we are serving Jesus Himself through our loved one.

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23–24 ESV)



• The trials of caregiving are not meaningless - they are shaping our soul & preparing a glory that far outweighs the pain.

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV)

 Our caregiving legacy will echo into eternity - God preserves every act of love & mercy.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13 ESV)

 The emotional & physical toll of caregiving is temporary -God promises a future of restoration & joy.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18 ESV)

Our caregiving is part of God's calling.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (John 15:16 ESV)

 God will bless & sustain our caregiving efforts, making them fruitful & lasting in His sight.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:17 ESV)



 In the face of confusion, decline & emotional fatigue, God calls you to remain anchored in hope.

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 God honors those who remain faithful through long seasons of difficulty.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

(James 1:12 ESV)

- Paul offers a rhythm for caregivers.
  - 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12 ESV)
- Even when progress feels slow or invisible, our consistent goodness reflects God's heart.
- 13 As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. (2 Thessalonians 3:13 ESV)

- When we entrust our caregiving journey to God, He will guide, sustain & bring peace in the midst of uncertainty.
  - 5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. (Psalm 37:5 ESV)

#### **Discussion Questions**

- What helps you remember that your caregiving matters to God - even when it feels unnoticed or exhausting?
- How do you see eternal significance in the daily routines of caregiving?
- What does 'standing firm' look like in your caregiving journey?
- When you feel weary or discouraged, what renews your strength to keep going?



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