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Does God care about everything in my life, even the little things?

Sometimes people say that God is too big or too busy with more important things to be concerned with something as inconsequential as the details of our lives. But this sentiment is not biblical. God absolutely cares about the little things that happen in our lives

The Bible reminds us over and over again of the comfort and peace that comes from being known and loved by God. We are truly known and perfectly loved, even more clearly and truly than we know and love ourselves! In fact, it is often quite difficult for us to know ourselves well, to discern clearly our longings, needs, and deepest desires.

To gain some perspective, we must first understand that everything is little compared to God; He created the entire universe. Sun, Moon , Stars, Earth .... Everything..!!! But the question of whether God cares is more about the depth of His love than it is about the importance of a particular detail. Throughout the Bible, we see evidence that God cares deeply about our lives.

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Perhaps the most convincing passage is Luke 12:6–7: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows." God remembers birds that people sell for next to nothing; they are of small consequence to humans yet are remembered by God. Jesus tells us we are worth much more than that. Of course God cares! He cares enough to number the

hairs on our heads. If you've ever seen *Worzel Gummidge* the 80's children's sitcom about a walking, talking scarecrow character. He had hair made of straw and as he walked around on set the crew would have to be constantly filling his head with hair. Now in this current state of affairs, I haven't managed to get my once a month haircut, and my hair is very similar to *Worzels*, its literally uncontrollable, although i don't have crew members trying to stick it back on, because its not falling out. Now Jesus says all the hairs on our head are numbered. God cares out the detail. Our detail, he cares about who we are, what we are made of, our every hair..... God cares.

If we take the analogy of hair, and how we should be living our lives, especially as a christian, it's a bit like going to a hairdressers.

Sometimes our lives become unruly, scraggy, messy, too long and we have too much fringe so we cant see where we are going, it's hard to live a life to its fullest with hair constantly getting in the way of your eyes. Even though you can brush it away for a moment, it will always fall back in front of your face.

Now this is where the barber and the barbers shop comes in. Let's look at this way. The Barbers Shop is church and the barber is Jesus. I mean of all the pictures of Jesus that have been painted over the years he had gorgeous long locks, but let's ignore that for this point. Barbers are usually the most well presented in terms of hair. Always looking sharp, with amazing clarity and neat hair. Incredibly well presented for all to see.

So we go to church, the barbers shop, we arrive with our wild , unmanageable hair and leave afterwards with a newer us. We can see better, we are more presentable to the outside world, we are more like him.... You see as we spend time in the barbers presence he works on moulding us, cutting away the things that don't help us see things His way. We can be more shining examples of the barbers work, the potters hand.. As Jesus says in Jeremiah 18 "can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand." He wants to mould us.

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Jesus' life also demonstrates God's care for the details. We see Him provide food for those who had been listening to His teachings for days and were hungry. He interacted with children, who were thought in those times to be of little importance. He took time with the people He healed them. One glowing example of this is the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. While Jesus was on His way to heal the daughter of a ruler of the synagogue, a man of great importance, this woman reached out to touch Jesus' robe and received healing. Jesus stopped, asked who had touched Him. He was not too busy or on too important of a mission to validate this woman and extend wholeness to her.

Another example was on the night Jesus was arrested to be crucified, He took the time to heal the ear of the high priest's servant, an ear which one of Jesus's own disciples had cut off . He's in the middle of being betrayed and taken to be crucified, He cared about this detail and extended healing. We see His personal touch in many of the stories of His miracles. We also see it in the way He interacted with His disciples. Jesus absolutely cares about the "little" things.

It's not just the quantity of hairs he knows. Jesus knows the length of the hair, but even more than this, he knows the root. He see's our hair before its even broken through the skin. And Jesus accepts us whether we have lots of hair, or very little. If we cut our hair, change the colour, shaved it, curl it, perm it, bleach it... God still sees our roots. He's more interested in what's in our deepest of desires, than whether we've been out and got our hair shaved.

The biblical depiction of God is one of mighty power and also astounding love. When we love someone, we care about the details of their lives. How much more does God, who is love (1 John 4:8), care about the lives of His children?

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## When we love someone, we care about the details of their lives

In the medical field, doctors often talk about treating the underlying issue rather than simply focusing on the presenting symptom. I wonder if this is true of our spiritual lives as well? Could it be that Jesus, the Great Physician, wants to free us from our sorrow and pain, yet does so by working his healing into the core of our very being?

At the root. Since God knows us better than we even know ourselves, we are free to take a deep breath. In the mystery and beauty of God's wisdom, instead of simply erasing pain and brokenness, he heals it by taking it upon himself and transforming it in the process. We see this perfectly and powerfully on the cross as Jesus takes death upon himself so that through it he can speak life and victory.

Take heart today and trust that every little thing in your life that feels like it might be your undoing can instead be something you offer to God for healing and restoration. Though it may seem improbable or even impossible, nothing is too great for a God who knows you better than you know yourself!



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