



# Worksheet

## Walking Along Someone with Cancer

When one of our friends or family members faces cancer, we have a unique opportunity to show Christ's love. We may do this by in a variety of ways that meet emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. A Loved Bible can be a tool to show care during this time. This worksheet is intended to be a guide to help you love a Bible for someone diagnosed with cancer. It is impossible to encapsulate all of the feelings, emotions, that come with walking alongside someone who is battling cancer. If you read the Foundation Workbook, you know we suggest walking through the Bible with the person you give it to. But, someone battling cancer may not have the strength to go through it with you. Instead, they may read the Loved Bible during chemo or while resting at home. We hoped to provide a few things to think through as you love a Bible for this specific circumstance. We have provided Scripture verses and quotes that communicate the theme that God is with them and will not leave them during this difficult journey!

### Helpful things to process when loving someone with cancer:

- Pray to show compassionate support.
- Say less and listen more.
- Keep praying for them.
- Continue to be there.
- Skip religious platitudes like Romans 8:28. "Cancer is painful no matter how convinced you are of God's sovereignty." Marissa Henley, *Loving Your Friend Through Cancer*
- Read some of the resources shared below.
- "Showing up for another says, "I see you. Your pain is known, and though I can not make it better, I'm here and that's what matters." Showing up for another, extending yourself for another, is always costly." Kara Tippetts & Jill Lynn Buteyn, *Just Show Up*

### Choose all or some of the following to use in your Loved Bible. Highlight the Scripture verse and add the quote/note to a sticky note or index card:

Isaiah 55:3 "God the Son not only cares about our suffering but also understands our suffering,"  
Marissa Henley, *Loving Your Friend Through Cancer*

Haggai 1:12-15 "Where is hope to be found? In five life-altering words: "I am with you always."  
Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*

Psalm 27:1

"To be David's light, salvation, and stronghold, the Lord must be near." Paul David Tripp, *Suffering*

Joshua 1:5

"The central message of Scripture is that God is with us forever because of one thing and one thing alone: his grace!" Paul David Tripp, *Suffering*

Psalm 98:3

"God is faithful" & "God never forgets his people. Even when it seems like the world is caving in around you, you don't ever have to wonder if God has forgotten you. God is faithful, which means he hears you in your groaning, he sees you in your suffering. He knows you and he loves you, and he doesn't ever forget you." Christ-Centered Exposition, *Psalms vol. 2*

John 14:6.

"The Spirit plants God's Word deep in the soil of our hearts and minds so that, when trials come, we are rooted in the truth." Marissa Henley, *Loving Your Friend Through Cancer*

Isaiah 43:2

"We must recognize, depend on, speak with, and believe in God while in the fire. God himself says in Isaiah 43 that he will be with us, walking beside us in the fire. Knowing him personally while in our affliction is the key to becoming stronger rather than weaker in it."

Timothy Keller, *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

"The Spirit applies the balm of God's Word to our wounded hearts." Marissa Henley, *Loving Your Friend Through Cancer*

Romans 15:13.

"He (the Holy Spirit) will hold us fast as we enter the storm of suffering." Marissa Henley, *Loving Your Friend Through Cancer*

Isaiah 40:27-31

"God knows we're anxious. And God knows why. The answer isn't to pretend that the bad news of the world isn't quite so bad. The answer is to remember that even in the midst of bad news, we have a God who is gracious and merciful, near to the broken-hearted, and always available to those who call on him." *New Troubles Are Met With New Mercies*, JD Greear

Matthew 6:6-8

"The Lord wants us to cry out to him. He delights to hear our voice and the needs we have. He longs to be the first one we turn to when we are low in the valley. And even though he sees us and already knows our needs before we ask, he nonetheless calls us to pray to him. Our prayers for help highlight God's power and strength as the only thing that can truly rescue us." Stacy Reaach, Wilderness Wanderings

Zep. 3:17

"You and I can face the harsh realities of life in this broken world with courage and hope because we do not face them all by ourselves. Immanuel ('God with us') is indeed with us in power, glory, and grace." Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies

Cross Reference for God with Us: - Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 43:1-3, Isaiah 41:10, Matt 1:23, Matt 28:20, 1 Cor 3:16, Joshua 1:9

Ephesians 2:4-7

Your identity is in Christ Jesus!

Romans 1:16

"All our other circumstance and feelings may change, but God and his gospel always remains the same." Dave Furman, Being There

Hebrews 4:14-16

"Jesus doesn't minimize pain, but rather he cares for his suffering people." Dave Furman, Being There

Romans 5:1-2

"Hope is a person, and his name is Jesus." - Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies

Matthew 28:20

"When you hit hard times, when your weakness is exposed, be ready for the enemy to whisper in your ear, "Where is your God now?" And be ready to respond, "He is where he has been and always will be - with me in power, glory and grace." You won't always feel his nearness, but you can rest assured he will never abandon you. He is the One who said, "Behold, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20), and he never goes back on his word." ~Paul Tripp, New Morning Mercies

Romans 8:31-32

"Nothing can separate us from Him and His love- not our fears, not our trials. We can run to God confidently because of Jesus." Trillia J. Newbell, Fear and Faith

Deuteronomy 31:8

"When tragedy comes, whether we battle sin or sorrow, we never face these foes alone. His Spirit, which hems us in behind and before, also indwells us. He is all around us, and he is in us. How secure are we?" Jen Wilkin, None Like Him

**For the section below, you have a few choices. You could simply write the word (HOPE, etc) on a sticky note and highlight the verse. Another idea is to highlight one of the verses for each topic and write the word associated with it on a post it note with the other cross references. The simplest option is to write the theme word in the Bible next to each of the verses in that section.**

- HOPE- Psalm 16:11, Psalm 42:1-2,5 Psalm 73:25-26, 1 John 4:4, Rev. 21:1-5
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- PEACE- Psalm 55:22, Psalm 112:7-8, Isaiah 26:3-4, Isaiah 43:1-2, John 14:27
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- LOVE/CARE- Psalm 34:18, Psalm 56:8-11, Psalm 63:1-8, Jer. 31:3, Lam. 3:22-23, Zeph. 3:17, Luke 12:7
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- REFUGE- Psalm 18:30, Psalm 46:1-2, Psalm 46:10-11, Nah. 1:7, Psalm 62:1-2
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- STRENGTH- Psalm 27:1, Psalm 121:1-2, Isaiah 41:10