

Get Real... “What Now?” Remembering 9/11

“God Responds to the Attack on America” FBC, Raton, NM, 9/16/01

God’s response to [Humanity](#).

📖 Exodus 3:14 (NIV) “God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

📖 Isaiah 30:25 (NIV) “In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill.”

📖 John 4:13–14 (NIV) “Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

📖 John 4:21 (NIV) “Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”

📖 Matthew 10:27 (NIV) “What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”

📖 Psalm 34:18 (NIV) “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

God’s response to [Hostility](#).

📖 John 8:58 (NIV) “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I AM!”

📖 Genesis 50:20 (NCV) “You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done.”

📖 Matthew 10:22 (NIV) “All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

📖 Luke 6:22 (NIV) “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.”

📖 John 15:18 (NIV) “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.”

God's response to [Hysteria](#).

📖 *Mark 6:48–51a (NIV)* “He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw Him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.”

📖 *Genesis 50:20 (NCV)* “You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done.”

📖 *Romans 8:28 (NIV)* “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

📖 *2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)* “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

📖 *Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)* “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

📖 *Luke 12:4–5 (NIV)* “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him.”

Digging Deeper— Where were you when 9/11 happened? What do you remember most about the days immediately following 9/11? In what ways did you witness patriotism post 9/11? In what ways did you experience God after 9/11? What are some lessons we, as Americans, learned from 9/11? What are some lessons we should have learned, but didn't? In what ways has God turned a negative into a positive in your life? What have you learned from tragedy? Why is tragedy such a good teacher?