



## **The Myth: God is disgusted with us.**

*The Truth: God is delighted in us.*

**Listen!** There is a famous Junior High game called “See-Food” and it is disgusting.

- **Tension:** Are we in relationship with a God Who is disgusted with us?

**The Myth: God is disgusted with us.**

- **Historical Example:**
- **Biblical Example:**
- **Parenting Example:**
- **Modern Example:**
- **Self-talk Example:**

**The Truth: God is delighted in us because we are:**

- **...His creation.**
- **...His new creation.**
- **...His child.**
- **...His friend.**
- **...His servant.**
- **...His bride.**

**The Idea:** God’s primary stance toward us...is not disgust but delight.

**Live Differently:**

- **Worshiping**—we must approach God as a Father Who delights in us.
- **Reaching**—we must cultivate a stance of delight in people without Christ.
- **Coaching**—we must cultivate a stance of delight in fellow believers.

**Do not miss this!** Zephaniah 3:17

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- **Sunday:** Are there any ways in which your parents do take or did take a stance of disgust toward you? Reflect on this question and think about your answer in terms of the Bible’s commands regarding parenting.
- **Monday:** Are there any ways in which you do take or did take a stance of disgust toward yourself? Reflect on this question and think about your answer in terms of the Bible’s commands regarding “love others as yourself.”
- **Tuesday:** Are there any ways in which you believe that God does take or did take a stance of disgust toward you? Reflect on this question and think about your answer in terms of Zephaniah 3:17.
- **Wednesday:** What does it mean for you personally that God delights in you the way that a groom delights in his bride? In the most ideal human relationship how does a groom delight in his bride? How does God do even better than the most ideal human groom in delighting us?
- **Thursday:** What do you need to do to remove any sense of disgust that you feel may be present from God toward you?
- **Friday:** Do you have one specific unbeliever with whom you are disgusted and with whom God is convicting you to cultivate an attitude of compassion?
- **Saturday:** Do you have one specific Christian with whom you are disgusted and with whom God is convicting you to cultivate an attitude of compassion?
- **Bonus thought (no extra charge of course):** If you are a parent—of a child between the ages of 0 and 65—are there any ways that you have a stance of disgust toward that child? What do you need to do to deal with any disgust you have? Do you need to make confession to your child or spouse or parents?
- **Bonus, bonus thought:** Are there any leaders in our nation—at the local, city, state, or national level—toward whom you feel disgust? Is that the stance God wants you to take toward them? Do you pray for them?

*Note for Connection Groups:* The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: [www.cypressbible.org](http://www.cypressbible.org) and then click on “Get Connected” and the link is on that page.