

A woman in a dark blue dress and red shoes stands next to a vintage suitcase on a wooden floor. The background is a light green wall with a white baseboard. The title 'WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW' is overlaid in a gold serif font on a dark green horizontal band.

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Dear Friend,

Don't you just love the excitement before a road trip? You plan everything from what you will wear and when you will stop along the way. My favorite part is snack shopping and finding a good book to read. Last year, my family drove about 4,000 miles to Colorado. It was a journey that we will always remember. Sure, it had its moments of craziness, but all in all we loved being together and the unique way it bonded our family of six.

This little e-book is something like a road trip. Our destination will be straight to the heart of the Father. What you will learn along the way will be precious truths He wants you to know. Each day, we will stop briefly to consider something new. And at the end of our thirty-one day journey I hope your bond with Him will be uniquely closer.

So what should you pack for this trip? It would great if you packed about 5 minutes each day to read, a journal for you to record your response, and a heart ready to receive. On top of that, I always like to bring my favorite cup of coffee and some chocolate to sweeten the time. I think a journey like this should be savored, and what better way to do that than with a special treat.

I want you to think of me as a passenger in the back seat. I'll be here of course, but really, this trip is about you and the Father. He has so many things He wants you to know. And honestly—this book is only the beginning. So put your shades on, roll down the windows, put your feet on the dashboard, and ready your heart for a wonderful ride.

I'm praying for you.

Stacey

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Day 1

“*How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important*” (C.S. Lewis). Years of Christian discipleship, Bible study, churchgoing had been about me thinking *about* God; practicing eucharisteo {thanksgiving} was the very first I had really considered at length what God *thought of me* — this ridiculous and relentlessly pursuing love, so bold. Everywhere, everything, Love! — [Ann Voskamp, *One Thousand Gifts*](#), page 205

*Are you tired of doing?
Do you think you need to impress God?
Have you ever felt small and insignificant?
What would it feel like to let God paint His promises across your heart?*

God’s heart for you is bigger than anything you can imagine. In fact, we are only going to slip our tiny little toes into the sea of all He wants you to know during the next 30 days.

My prayer for you today as you begin this journey is simple:

Receive it.
Swim in it.
Begin to believe it.

Day 2

He thinks about you all the time. If you could collect each thought in your hands and count them – it would be like trying count the grains of sand on the beach. *So, you couldn't if you tried.*

And what type of thoughts does He think? He says they are *precious and rare*. Every one of these thoughts, are loving, deep and beautiful. Every. Single. One.

So even on your worst day, His thoughts of you are precious. Do you believe it? I'm praying it digs down deep in your soul today.

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; They outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Psalm 139: 17,18

Day 3

You have probably heard it said, “*God doesn’t make junk.*” But, do you believe that you are made:

Wonderfully
&
Fearfully

These are the words penned by David, a man after God’s heart. In fact, he goes on to say, God took great detail in making you. *He made you distinct and marvelous.* You, walking around in your fuzzy slippers or wearing your favorite pair of red shoes – *you inspire awe.*

And while you’re at it, if you go back to the very beginning, when the world was new, you can read His opinion of all that He made on day 1:

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! (Genesis 1:31)

And the truth is – He is still making good things. Wonderful things. And yes, not junk.

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14 (New American Standard)

Do you know it? Very well?
You are made fearfully and wonderfully.
That is what He said, anyway.

Day 4

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know {Yada} everything about me.

Psalm 139:1

Yada :: {Hebrew} to know by experience, to understand, to be acquainted with

He thinks about you all the time...

He made you wonderfully....

It would stand to reason, *that He knows you.*

He knows your heart, *even the parts you keep hidden from your BFF.*

He knows where you are going and where you have been.

He even knows what you are thinking and what you are going to say next.

The Hebrew word for “know” is *Yada. He knows. Jehovah Yada. The One True God, knows you.*

I know what you are thinking, “*Yada, yada, yada*” “*Blah, blah, blah*” — *so?*

Our culture has taken the meaning of this word and turned it into casual conversation worthy of a sitcom. *Yah. Yah. Yah. I know. I know. I know.*

But, Jehovah Yada. He knows you. *Deep down in your gut – He knows you.*

He gets you. He is acquainted with ALL your ways.

And with all this knowing He desires a relationship with you.

So hug your knees tight, close your eyes and let that truth meet you right where you are.

He knows you. No need for pretending. No masks required.

Yada. Yada. Yada.

Day 5

*Deep and wide, deep and wide there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.*

As Sunday school songs go, this was never my favorite. We would stand in front of our chairs while Bonita played it on the old upright piano. Taking our little hands we would mark out the deep and then the wide and smile. *I don't think I really knew, at age seven, what the fountain was or what was flowing so wide and deep inside it.*

In the 1980s I sang *Love is a Battlefield* with sky-high over-permed hair while wearing my favorite pink fluorescent shirt and acid washed jeans. It certainly felt true at sixteen, when I wasn't pretty enough or popular enough to have a class ring wrapped in yarn around my finger.

Today I read these words...

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. (Ephesians 3:18)

I smile, because now I know what is flowing deep and wide in the fountain. *Does He really love me like that? Does His love really flow for me?*

Suddenly, I remember standing on the beach watching my girls dive into the water. They are overwhelmed by the waves, giggling mermaids, and I am smitten with them. He leans in close and says, *"Yes, I love you like that. Like children playing in the ocean deep, like waves that keep coming and coming and coming—my love for you is too big, too fantastic for you to even begin to understand. But you can dive deep, you can play in the waves, and you can believe it."*

And I remember another Sunday school song...

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul...

Maybe I'll teach it to my little mermaids today. Care to sing along? *You are loved like an ocean.* Do you know it?

Day 6

She twirls everywhere she goes. Always within her own mind she is royalty, special. Someone others crane their necks to see, be near and admire. She is dancing and singing to a song playing in her mind with only her name in it.

One day, a friend walked by and said, “*Well, hello princess!*” She turned, made eye contact and put her hand over heart and inquired, “*How did you know?*” “*Oh, I just know. Clearly, you are a princess.*”

I laugh every time I think of this scene with my oldest girl. She is 7 years more grown, but still twirling and singing and being her own girl. She knows what I long to: *She is loved, she is wonderful, and His.*

He wants you to know it too, and says it plain as day right here:

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

I love the words...*chosen, royal, God’s special possession. You are a people with a purpose.* Does hearing it change who you are right in the center of your heart? Does the song that plays in your head say, “*Chosen, princess, my own girl?*” or does it say, “*Failure, unloved, and unworthy?*”

He is singing it right now, with you in mind:

You are mine.

You are a princess.

I chose you. Won’t you twirl and dance and smile and let others see it as well?

I know you are special, do you?

Day 7

“Mommy, am I beautiful?” She is at that age where she asks me this question almost daily. I bought her a [necklace](#) recently to remind her: *Yes, you are. Beautiful.*

It is easy for me to see of course, I am her mama. She is part him, part me, and stunningly beautiful. *How could she not see it?*

The truth is, she gets it from me. I ask daily, too. He knew of course, that I would say, “*Am I beautiful?*” Because He knows the words even before I speak them, He put it here for all to read:

The princess is very beautiful. Her gown is woven with gold.

Psalm 45:13, (New Century Version)

Beautiful...some versions even say Glorious (stately). And her beauty, it comes from within and shines through her to the world as gold. So, I'm wondering...do you ask, too?

Does anyone in your life answer back, “*Yes! You are! In fact, you are glorious.*”

He does, and wants to write beautiful on your heart today.

Not only beautiful. Very beautiful. Glorious. Stately.

Yes. You. Are. Beautiful, girl.

Day 8

Have you ever seen a spy movie where the main character is in a hopeless situation? At the last minute, a helicopter shows up with a rope, and pulls him to safety? The boat explodes, but hero is safe and seen hanging from the rope over the ocean blue, enjoying the ride. *Just like they planned it.*

Well, God's plans for you are like that. It may look impossible, but it is not desperate. His plans for you are *shalom* in the midst of even the most difficult situations. His plans are:

completeness
peace
purpose
safety
welfare
Shalom...

Matthew Henry said "*His plans are not according to our fears or our fancies, but instead, bound up in our faith.*" You can be sure that as you look to Him, your faith will grow. I promise He will not abandon you. He wants you to know, today, *hope is here. Rescue is coming, and it will turn out just as He has planned.*

This is God's Word on the subject ... I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:10, 11 (The Message)

Day 9

*Wonderful, wonderful Jesus,
In the heart He implanteth a song:
A song of deliverance, of courage, of strength,
In the heart He implanteth a song.*

—from Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus, a hymn by [Anna Belle Russell](#), 1921.

What song are you singing today?
Is it a song of courage and strength?

“Oh” You say, “I can’t sing. It is always off key.”

But guess what? He has something He wants to whisper in your ear....

I created you to sing and I gave you a special song. You are the only one who can sing it. If you don’t, then how will they ever know what I’ve done for you?

So sing it girl, sing it.
Loudly and off key is fine.
In fact, it is the best kind.

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed.

They will put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:3

Day 10

{He} will not let slip any opportunity of being gracious to you...

Matthew Henry

After almost a year of studying [grace](#), I have found there is more than I can study. There is more grace than I can comprehend. He has not run out of grace for me. And, He will not let a moment go by where grace is needed, that He doesn't abundantly supply.

Where are you today, friend? Have you told yourself that there is none left? Is grace for others but not you? Do you see yourself as an object of grace?

He wants us to lean in close and hear Him say...

- I long to be gracious to you.
- I wait – until just the right moment in your life – *to apply it*.
- I know when you are ready to receive it.
- My grace is perfectly tailored for you.
- I am ready to meet you, right where you are with grace.

God's heart for you is all about grace. You can't earn it. You can't predict it. *It just is.*

Will you walk with me today, in Grace?

*Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you...*

Isaiah 30:18 (New American Standard Bible)

Day 11

You might buy into the fact that you are [loved](#).

You might even begin to see that you are liked.

You might even, just for a minute or two, think, “*Sure, I can put a couple of great days back to back, and I’m not so bad.*”

But then, it happens. You have one of those no good, awful, horrible bad days. And you blow it.

You yell at your kids.

You lie to a friend.

You speak hurtful words to your spouse.

You judge.

Or worse.

And in the midst of it, you are shocked. Embarrassed. Angry.

You don’t like you right now.

You’d send yourself to your room if you could, but you have to cook dinner.

So you withdraw and hide in your own heart, and hope and pray no one notices.

But, He does. And while you are swimming in the sea of your own guilt and shame, Jesus is tenderly calling out to you, “*I want you to know, I think of you as already forgiven.*” And somewhere in the middle of washing dishes you begin to believe it. And then, He smiles, and stretches out His arms, and says, “*I’ve removed it as far as the East is to the West. It is gone. I carried it away so there would not be anything between us.*” It overwhelms and tears drop into your soapy water and right there, in your kitchen on Oak Street, you run into His arms.

Is it like that for you?

It can be.

He wants you to know your sin is not greater than His power of forgiveness. *You could try to measure it, but East to West will get you every time.*

*He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.*

Psalm 103:12

Day 12

Did you ever pretend you were invisible as a kid? Or maybe you wanted to be *invisible* last week, and hid at Starbucks. Perhaps, you became *invisible* to a so-called friend who walked right by you to chat with someone else.

He wants you to know that He sees you. His vision is 20/20 and His eyes are locked on you. In fact, His Word says He not only sees you, but He searches for you. *His eyes are constantly looking to find you, beautiful girl.* His purpose in this seeing, is to strongly support you. He wants to keep you from crumbling down or caving in on yourself. He knows what is going on in your life and why you feel *invisible* or want to feel *invisible*. *And the truth is, He has not lost sight of you for one minute. Not a second. Not ever.*

*The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen
those whose hearts are fully committed to him...
2 Chronicles 16:9a*

Day 13

“For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light,” - Jesus
Matthew 11:30

Light.

Easy.

Joy.

Wanna trade?

Do you need a little musical motivation? My friend Robin and I used to call them psyche up songs when we were students at Indiana University. Here is a link for one today on YouTube called [“Trading My Sorrows”](#) by Darrell Evans.

Day 14

Dreams have a way of sneaking into our heart and sticking for a reason. They are like little seeds that burrow down deep. Sometimes, with the right amount of exposure and encouragement our dreams soar for all to see.

And sometimes, we find those dreams, buried and covered under what seems like mountains of dry and brittle earth. *We fear, in our hearts, they will never see the light of day.*

But, here is one thing He wants you to know: Your dreams matter to Him. He knows the intricate workings of your heart. He knows what is important to you. He knows your dreams give hope and scare you to death simultaneously.

Joseph was a dreamer. *That's what his brothers called him anyway.* He dreamed God sized dreams. And though it took years for him to see the reality of his dreams come to light, God knew. God also saw the path Joseph would have to take to live out those dreams. This path would land him in a pit and a prison. In the end, Joseph saw it, too. God's hand was in it all the time.

He sees your dreams.

Does it feel like you are in a pit? Well, guess what?

Your dreams matter to Him.

He sees it all, and you can be sure if the dream is from Him, it will see the light of day.

So dream girl, dream.

{You can read more about Joseph, the dreamer in Genesis 37.}

Day 15

We have already talked about that He thinks about you, [all the time](#).
And that He thinks you are [amazing](#), unique, and beautiful.

But what is He doing as He is thinking about amazing, unique and beautiful you?

He is telling His Father all about you.

He lives to speak your name into the ear of His Father.

He is taking your needs and concerns straight into the throne room.

He is praying on your behalf. (Hebrews 7:25)

So when you don't know what to pray...

He does.

And is.

When your words are all used up, He is the living, eternal Word made flesh. (1 John 1)

When all you have is a head bowed low, His is high and exalted and sitting at the right hand of God.

He is praying for you.

Today. Tomorrow. And 1,000 more just like it.

Day 16

Chosen. Selected. Preferred. First. From the beginning.

That is who you are. See, it was His plan from the start. He picked you, to reveal His Word to. He wanted you. *It wasn't anything you did* - because you weren't yet. *It wasn't something you said*— only The Word had said anything at that point. *It wasn't your cute new boots.* Although, they are awesome.

No, from the beginning He chose you, set you apart, and wrote His name on your heart. This is the truth that washes over us and we say, “*Really, you chose me?*” We can believe it because it is written...

God picked you out as his from the very start.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 The Message

What would your day look like if you believed it? If you lived *Chosen*? If you understood “*His*” from the very start? How would you act? I’ll bet those awesome boots would glide across the floor swept up in a dance that says, “*Me! He chose me.*”

Let's dance today, girlfriend. We are chosen. We are His.

Day 17

Dear sweet girl,

I am for you. I'm pulling for you. I want to write this across your heart. Do you believe it?

Love,
God

...if God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Romans 8:31

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We all need music for our journey. This song, by Kari Jobe always blesses mine. You can click the link below to listen on *YouTube*.

[You Are for Me](#)

Day 18

You know the person.

That friend you can just *chill* with.

You don't have to wash your hair or put on make-up for her, but she's the first one to notice when you do.

Being together feeds your soul.

Well, God thinks of you that way, too.

He chooses you every time.

He loves to spend time WITH you.

Chillin. *You are, to Him, good company.*

His very name says it. *Emmanuel.*

He came to be with us.

He chose 12 rough and tumble men to share His earth worn life with every day.

Not the pretty.

Not the special.

The every day guys.

And throughout His ministry He walked *with them*. He reclined at the table beside them. They did life together. He made them breakfast. They smelled like fish. But, He did not care.

He wants to spend time with you, too.

His name has not changed. He is still, *God with us*.

So put your hair in a ponytail and wear your yoga pants.

He's waiting for you, at *Starbucks*, the *beach*, or your *favorite chair in the living room*.

The Lord of hosts is with us Psalm 46:11 (New American Standard)

They shall call His name Imanuel which translated means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

Day 19

He must have known, our questions.
He must have counted on our forgetfulness.
How could we miss it? I mean really?

The One who made the mountains with a word. And the sunrise just this morning, must have known. He knew we would need it to be obvious. So He said this:

Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.
Jeremiah 33:3, (New American Standard Bible)

You, yes You. He is talking to YOU. (and me.)

I know I need to hear it over and over again. Because doubts are bullies. And fears are so real sometimes I promise they have faces. *I, too, forget who He is, every day, all day long, for me.*

The truth is He is still the God of great and mighty things. *These THINGS are the rule, not the exception.*

He wants you to *know* it.

He wants us to *believe it deep down where it matters.*

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Do you know it? Does it change the way you live? He planned ahead to give you the promise in His written Word. He thinks of everything.

Day 20

We like to know what is ahead. We feel better when the road is marked clearly. But the truth is, many times, all we know is the next step. We know to pray. We know to ask a friend. We know to get out of bed and make the coffee. And that is all.

This is the place when our faith comes from somewhere way down deep. He asks us to step into the river, before it parts, or to come and follow without knowing where He's leading. He may even ask us to lie down with lions for the night. Others may not understand. *We may by sight, walk alone.*

He sees you standing there, drawing with your toe in the sand wondering, "*Can I trust Him?*" He wants you to know you can take that next step in full confidence. He will light the path for the next step. And for all the steps that follow, He'll do the same. Because He is there lighting the path, you are never truly alone. And as you keep in step with Him, you will know Him like you never have before.

The Lord directs the steps of the godly.

He delights in every detail of their life.

Psalm 37:23.

Day 21

There are days, that sure seem like you are not getting anywhere. And you think to yourself, “*Did I make a difference today? Does it matter today, Lord, that I was faithful to do what Your Word said?*”

He wants you to know that it does matter. And what is riding on that next step of faithfulness is your *legacy*. *He sees it in a single glance and it is amazing*. It is worth every sacrifice you have made. The life of faith is not for the faint of heart, and He wants to give you a promise for today. The hard day. The, “*Am I the only one?*” type of day. And here it is...

*But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD’s love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children’s children—
with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.*

Psalm 103:17,18 (New American Standard)

His love never ends for the faithful ones who fear Him.

His righteousness will outlast you, and bless your children and their children.

This is His promise to you who took each step, remembered and obeyed His precepts.

He is with you. He is with your children. He sees their children. Your legacy is beautiful.

And, yes, it is worth it.

Day 22

Do you ever feel like your prayers are a mere echo in the Grand Canyon of life? Do you wonder, does He really hear every word? With all that is going on in this great big world, does my small prayer for peace today, matter? Maybe you feel like Margaret:

“Are you there, God? It’s me, Margaret. We’re moving today. I’m so scared God. I’ve never lived anywhere but here. Suppose I hate my new school? Suppose everybody there hates me? Please help me God. Don’t let New Jersey be too horrible. Thank you.”

from [“Are You There God, It’s Me, Margaret”](#) by Judy Blume

Did you read this book in the 1980s, too? I always wanted to hear God’s response. And recently, I found it right here:

Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!
Psalms 116:2 says,“

Did you catch that? He bends down *low* to listen.

He *stretches out* to you.

He *inclines* Himself to your prayers.

His very position is *toward* you.

This reminds me of when my toddler wants to tell me something important. She grabs my face and says, “*Mom. Mom. Mom.*” Her little hands on my cheeks tell me, to *stop* and *listen*.

Well guess what? You never have to do that with God. *He is already in the perfect listening position.* Yes, dear Margaret, He is here. He is listening to prayers for peace, parking places, and moving to New Jersey.

Every prayer on every breath is heard.

Day 23

“...your greatest need is not doing, but believing” – Oswald Chambers

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“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

MATTHEW 11:28 – 30 THE MESSAGE (emphasis mine)

Are you tired? Are you slap worn out? Are you forcing a smile? Are you heavy? Are you weary of the crazy?

I know I am.

So would you join me, today, and step off the crazy for a bit?

His way?

- Will recover your life.
- Will breathe grace.
- Will feel light and free.

If you don’t come away with Him on a regular basis, it will be hard to separate who you are from what you do.

So, shut down, turn off, rest up, draw your babies close.

Breathe in.

Enjoy Him.

Take a holy nap. (They are you know.)

It really is okay. Crazy will be there when you wake up tomorrow.

Day 24

She is wearing one rain boot, crazy hair and breakfast on her face. *I call her my beautiful mess.* Cause she is both. Five days ago she turned two. God has already written His promise for her heart:

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when

Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6

I smile and wonder, is He so committed to me, too? *I mean, I'm a mess, really. Sometimes....*

- My kids eat pizza for more meals than they don't.
- I tweet more than I talk to my husband.
- I want to [hide](#) at Starbucks.
- My voice can be heard by every neighbor within several houses.
- I worry.
- I don't cry and I wonder is something wrong with me?
- I can't stop crying.
- I want a friend to call, but I also want to be alone.
- I could go on and on.

I have so far to go. But, if I believe the Bible, (and I do), then I can't pick and choose which parts. He is the way, the TRUTH, and the life. So, even when I think, surely, I am the only one who will remain a mess forever, He swoops in with a promise like this:

My name is Alpha. My name is Omega. And I always finish what I started. It may not be in your timing. It may look the way you think. But I will finish it. Check the text. It is written.

Are you a mess, too? Do you wonder if you will ever get to where He says you will? My sweet sister, He wants you to know, though you see yourself as a mess, He calls you **beautiful**. He will finish what He started. And I'm talking to you, and I'm talking to me. Let's believe it, together, okay?

Day 25

Twenty-four days of *What God Wants You to Know* have come and gone. Has your heart been moved? I hope so. I know I needed to wade knee deep into these truths. Each one has been like a old friend I love hanging out with at Starbucks.

But what about the days when it doesn't feel true? You read. You memorize. You write it down. But your feelings have left the building. *I have so been there lately, have you?*

It happens. *And with only six days left in this series, God wants you to know that even when it doesn't feel true, it is.* He made you. He knows you are a woman with complicated feelings. He [knows](#) who you are. *But, truth is not standing around waiting for you or me to feel good about it.* Truth just is. And sometimes, we have to take God at His Word and trust that at some point, the feelings will follow.

Now faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for, it means being certain of things we cannot see.
Hebrews 11:1 (J.B. Phillips Translation)

Feelings are indicators, but they do not have to be dictators. What is really going on in your heart? Do you need to [step off the crazy](#) for a while? {Umm, yes!} Do you need a good friend to work through your feelings with you? {Amen!}

Better yet, we have the living breathing Word of God to turn to. His Word is going to live forever. You can put your full confidence in it. You can be certain it will not bend or break. Even when you feel like you are, It will not.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.
Isaiah 40:8

Day 26

*Thou art the Lord who slept upon the pillow
Thou art the Lord who soothed the furious sea
What matter beating wind and tossing billow, if only we are in the boat with thee?
Hold us in quiet through the age long minute, while thou art silent and the wind is shrill,
Can the boat sink, Lord, while thou art in it?
Can the heart faint that waiteth on thy will?
Amy Carmichael, Towards Jerusalem*

He wants you to know, He is in the boat with you.

Hope floats with you.

And when it gets really bad, Hope is the anchor that holds.

You don't have to be the one who holds it all together, He already has that covered.

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.

Hebrews 6:19

Day 27

God has always been a fan of the buddy system.

Adam had Eve.

The animals came two by two.

David had Jonathan.

Jesus had 12.

Paul had Silas, Timothy, Barnabas, and Mark.

You were made like Him, and He is the perfect strand of three.

Who encourages you? When was the last time you sat across the table from her or shared your cheesecake? Did you notice that when you parted, you were stronger, just by being together?

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

God wants you to know He made you to fit with others. The best of the best are those who share your heart and passion for Him. Those cords are the strongest. I know relationships take time, I struggle to maintain them in my life as a busy mom of four. But every effort is blessed.

Day 28

Are you remembering to sing [your song](#) of courage and strength? You know the one He gave you to sing? He loves to hear it rise up to meet Him. *It brings Him great joy.*

Do you know, He is quite the singer Himself? Guess who He loves to sing about? I'll give you a hint...*she should be singing loud for all the world to hear!* It's true, He can't help Himself. When you cross His mind, which is [all the time](#), the song erupts. It is filled with love and when you hear it, your fears will melt away.

What a beautiful picture. His song falling on the sweetest girl who sings for the Singer herself.

Do you hear what I hear? The Song He sings for you? My prayer is you will hear it today, as you are washing the dishes, folding the laundry, and tucking your little ones in bed.

Let His song of Love amaze you....

For the Lord your God is living among you.

He is a mighty savior.

He will take delight in you with gladness.

With his love, he will calm all your fears.

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

Zephaniah 3:17

Day 29

He is waiting to bless you. His hand is open. Sometimes He pours out blessings relentlessly. Other times, He waits for you to ask Him.
Either way, the answer is yes unless no is required.

He is not like the mean professor you had your freshman year in college.

He is not looking to zap you when you do wrong.

His greatest longing, other than a relationship with you, is to bless you.

He redeemed you for abundant life, today, and for all eternity.

His heart runs to you, and longs to bless.

Always.

See, He said it Himself right here:

I long to bless you.

Ephesians 1:3 (paraphrase)

Day 30

You. Wonderfully, fearfully made beautiful you.

He made you, one of a kind.

He knew exactly what He was doing.

In fact, He has a special uniquely you purpose.

If He didn't, you and I would be exactly the same.

How boring would that be?

So whether your name is Sally, Sue, or Suzette M. Stout...

And you live somewhere between here or there...

Know without a doubt...

{There's no one alive that is youer than you.}

— Dr. Seuss knew it, do you?

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10

Day 31

*You are free...
from worry
from should
to live, really live
to dream
to just be
to love extravagantly
to eat chocolate*

Because *it was for freedom that He set you free in the first place.* (Galatians 5:1) You were made for it. Nothing less will do for you, girl. So don't go back. Don't turn it down. Don't let go of His hand. *I can promise you, He wants you to know how it feels, how it looks, and how freedom can transform your life.*

I'm right here with you. Throughout this [31 day journey](#), I have asked quietly in the depths of my heart, "*Lord, is this for me, too? The tired of doing girl. The one who needs constant reminders to run back to Your Word and your Ways? Is it for me, too?*"

He has said yes in so many ways. And guess what? [31 Days of What God Wants you to Know](#) is just the tip of the iceberg. *There is more He wants to whisper into our hearts.* So much more than you or I can imagine.

I'm praying for you. *Close your eyes. Breathe. Can you feel it? That's freedom. That's Jesus.*

That's 31 Days of What God Wants you to Know.

Other Destinations You Can Travel to Encourage Your Heart (and places I often do):

[Chatting at the Sky](#)

[\(in\)Courage](#)

[A Holy Experience](#)

[31 Days of Faith](#)

[The Nester](#)

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