

AUGUST 23

“HE WILL REACH DOWN AND LIFT YOU UP.”

READ

Matthew 6:25-27, Luke 12:6-7

God feeds the birds of the air. He sees every sparrow that falls. He knows how many hairs you have on your head. You can't explain God. We don't understand Him. He is kinder than we are. He is a good God. He answers prayers before you even ask. He makes it rain on the just and the unjust. God is willing to go among people that despise Him and love them. He wants you to find Him. Sometimes it can feel like God is a million miles away. Being a single parent can be overwhelming. If you have a disabled child, caregiving may leave you feeling stretched thin. If you're a cancer patient, you know the fatigue of sickness and constant medical appointments. If it is the anniversary of the death of a loved one, your heart is heavy. At these times, it is hard to feel close to God, but He will reach down and lift you up. Trust Him. Learn to live so that no problem, person, or tragedy can sink you. Never put your affections on things of this earth. Your children will grow up and leave, your money may dry up, your job may be gone, your roof may leak. No matter what comes, you can still look up and worship God. God wants us to seek Him.

PRAY

Lord, help me to recognize Your compassion and love and share it with someone today who may feel that You are far away. As I reach out with Your grace, may they find You near.

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