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Dear friends,

God's many mysteries can be hard to swallow sometimes. We often find ourselves asking "Why?" and not getting answers. How can we have peace with a God so full of mystery? How can we be sure that things will be okay when we don't have solid, specific answers to very important questions? I think the answers to those two questions can be found in God's unchanging nature. His heart never changes. His Word never changes. His promises never change. We may not have specific answers to a lot of our important questions but we do have promises from Him in His word that address any and all of them. Promises that were delivered to us thousands of years ago and have not changed one bit to this day.

One of those promises can be summed up in a few passages from the Bible:

Luke 12:6,7 - "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Matthew 6:26 - "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Ecclesiastes 11:5 - "As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the spirit enters the body being formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."

Psalms 139:16-18 - "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How amazing are your thoughts concerning me, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand..."

God pays attention to every little detail of his creation, including you. God has promised that he knows us and our situations better than we ever could and he cares for us a lot! Sometimes we get wrapped up in figuring out the details of our lives and lash out at each other and ourselves. God is completely wrapped up in working out the details of our lives and yet he provides for all of our needs and loves us even more deeply.

I hope that this month, as we reflect on things we are thankful for in the midst of a season where that may seem difficult, that we remember God's promise to care for us. Let's hold on to that promise knowing that, no matter what else is happening, his promise has not changed and never will.

Psalms 46:1, 2 - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea..."

In Christ,

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