Saturday

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Confidence in God

1. Exodus 3:7-12

The Lord said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain.”

— Exodus 3:7 (CEB)

Our baby has dealt with severe eczema since he was about three months old, and it has been difficult to see him live with such an irritating and often painful condition. At times when the inflammation and itchiness of his skin are so agonizing that he looks at his father and me with tear-filled eyes, all we want to do is hold him close and let him know that we hear his cries. We want him to know we understand that he is in pain and that we are doing all we possibly can to alleviate it. This experience has given me a new perspective on the love of God.

We all go through seasons of life that are especially difficult and painful. In those times I find indescribable reassurance in knowing that just as God heard the cries of the Israelites and knew about their pain as captives in Egypt, God hears our cries of pain, frustration, and desperation. Not only does God hear us and know us, God wants to bring us comfort and peace.

God of all comfort, help us to remember when we feel alone and forgotten that you hear our cries, see our pain, and are working to bring us peace. Show us how to trust you even when our faith seems small, as we pray, “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation” (Luke 11:2-4, NIV). Amen.

God’s ears are tuned to our cries.

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