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A devotional from PrayerCare®

I brushed ivory powder across my face and reached for the blush. My infant daughter woke up before I'd gotten ready for the day, so I cradled her in my left arm. She watched me, wide-eyed and alert. She was happy, but we were an awkward pair that morning. I turned her to face out from me so I could finish my routine. She squirmed, fussed, then wailed. I turned her back toward my face and smiled at her, "You're okay, little one." She focused on my face and quieted. I turned her so she would lean back against my chest again and worked quickly with the other hand. She immediately tensed and cried. I pushed through, finishing my preparations and then turning her toward my face to soothe her. Her body relaxed and her breathing slowed.

I smiled and tilted my head to the side. Didn't she feel held even when she wasn't facing me? I wanted her to feel it, to *know* I was with her, to rest in my arms though she might not hear or see me.

"*Don't you know I've got you, baby?*" The words gripped me as I heard myself speak them. At that moment, God spoke them to my heart.

I'm sure my little girl felt her situation was desperate. She certainly didn't like it. She wanted out of it, and right now. Even if I'd tried to explain, she couldn't understand the reason I allowed things to be as they were. I'm very like her. If I can't see God or hear Him, I'm quick to tense in fear and uncertainty. But I don't want that.

The morning was beautiful, but it was a painful, stormy season in my life. "*Don't you know I've got you, baby?*" What deep comfort to know that He was holding me in the situation I felt was so desperate. I knew I couldn't understand the reason He was allowing the difficulty in my life, but I no longer felt I needed to. I felt Him holding me. I *knew* He was with me. I rested in His arms with a new trust and peace. God pressed His amazing love deeper into my heart and helped me grow up a little bit that day. And I fell more in love with Him.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isa.

41:10, NIV)

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