# GOD, GIRLS, AND GETTING CONNECTED

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ow cool is a job where one day you get to hang out with a major music star and the next day you are able to ask the vice president of the country a question? The world of television news is exciting indeed! My work as a news anchor has been "on camera" for more than 25 years. I like sharing stories about the famous people I've met and interviewed for my job.

I especially love to tell about the "Greatest Person" I've ever met! My life changed the moment I met *Him*. I've never been the same. That person is Jesus Christ. Who is He? He's the One who gives peace when you're afraid. He makes a pact to never leave your side. And most important, He offers you the chance to have eternal life with Him and in Him. That life-changing experience through Jesus is available to you—all you have to do is ask Him!

God is calling your heart, and He wants you to recognize His ringtone. Let these devotions help you connect to God. You'll be glad you answered His call!

Blessings, Robin



### Faith in the Unseen and Unknown

**Emma:** "How am I supposed to trust and believe God when I can't see Him?"

**God's Text:** "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

#### Getting Connected

When you sit in a chair, you have faith the chair will hold you up. You know this because you can see the chair, you've seen other people sitting in chairs, and you trust that the chair will not break, move, or disappear. It's easy to trust the chair because you can see it and touch it.

If putting your faith in God is difficult because you can't see or touch Him physically, it's time to focus on the *evidence* of God that exists all around you. Think about the sun. Consider how God created this huge, fiery ball to heat and light the earth. Examine the intricate, spectacular flowers in your yard. Stare at your hand and take note of the incredible, loving craftsmanship that went into shaping it and making it purposeful.

One of the most vivid and beautiful pieces of God-evidence is His followers. Ruth, a woman mentioned in the Old Testament, is just one example. She followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, to a land she had never seen. Ruth left her parents, her hometown, and everything she knew to follow a God she didn't know. Ruth saw evidence of God through Naomi. Ruth told Naomi, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). That showed Ruth's foundation of faith in the one true God!

**Today's App:** What is stopping you from having faith in God? Look around. Pay special attention to the way God is revealing Himself to you. If you're a believer, are you reflecting God to the world? Share your faith with someone today—not just with words but with actions too.



# He Is Your Everything

Samantha: "There is no way God can be all I need Him to be in my life."

**God's Text:** "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

#### Getting Connected

Do you have times when you feel incapable of going on? Maybe an illness or the stress and pressure of school gets to you? It's difficult to see past today's trouble. Because of our humanness, we are in a constant state of need. The *only* person who can satisfy that void is God. No matter what we are facing, He is big enough and mighty enough to help us handle it.

Do you know God has more than 70 names? Each one describes a special characteristic of His. Here is a sampling:

*Elohim* means "creator God." He created you, knitted you together perfectly and uniquely.

*El Shaddai* means "God all sufficient." He can take care of everything.

*Jehovah* or *Yahweh* means "I AM." God was here before the creation of the Earth, and He will be here after it is gone.

*Jehovah-Jireh* means "God the provider." God always gives you what you need.

Jehovah-Rophe means "the God who heals."

*Jehovah-Nissi* means. "God our banner." God is present and active on the battlefield of life with us.

*Jehovah-Shalom* means "God our peace." When the world throws us curveball after curveball and we are falling apart, God is our peace.

*Jehovah-Tsidkenu* means "God our Righteousness." When God looks at us, He sees righteousness because the blood of Jesus Christ covers us. Jesus is our only righteousness.

*Jehovah-Shammah* means "the Lord is there." God is with us wherever we go and in whatever storm we face.

God can and will provide everything you need. You only have to invite Him to be your Lord and Savior and ask for His help.

**Today's App:** Hand your life and all your needs and expectations to God. Let Him be your peace, your comfort, your healer, your provider. Tear down the walls and let God come through for you and be your everything.