

# How do you know?

It was the morning we had been waiting for. We were to fly south to celebrate Christmas with friends and enjoy a fun-filled shopping excursion. We awoke after a winter storm had hit the city during the night. "No problem," we thought. All we had to do was get to the airport and the big "bird" would take us south to clear weather.

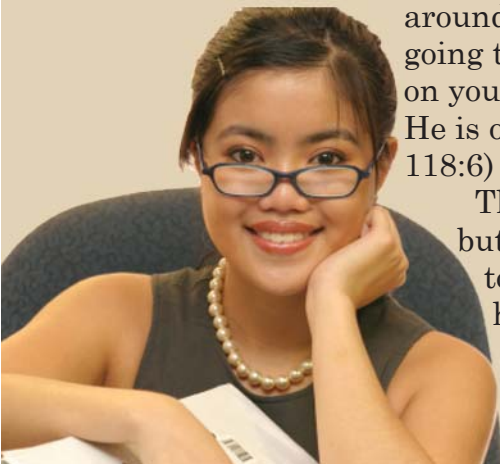
After some delays, we boarded the plane with the other passengers, only to wait again for the de-icing protocol. Finally we slowly taxied out to the end of the runway. As the airplane accelerated for take-off, our hearts stopped at the sound of two loud bangs coming from the reluctant bird. After a few minutes of wondering, we heard the pilot's voice come over the intercom, announcing the anticipated news: Our plane would taxi back to the gate and wait for further instructions.

The further instructions gave no welcome relief as we were instructed to disembark the airplane and yet wait for additional instructions. As the passengers orderly gathered their belongings and made their way to the exit, a young girl began to nervously cry. Her travel companion offered words of comfort stating that everything would be okay. This young girl's response will always be imbedded on my heart. "How do you know?"

Our lives, too, experience the delays of winter storms and technical difficulties. Many of us have faced financial crisis - some of our own making and others due to unforeseen life "stuff". Health issues may have rained down on our well planned strategy. Or you may be picking up from the devastation of divorce.

Listen closely and I am confident you will hear the still, small voice of our Lord whispering words of comfort into your soul. First, it is imperative that you know that He is there for you. You are not alone. Even if you can still hear the winds of opposition blowing around you, He is there with you. He is not going to leave; neither is He going to give up on you. God is there. You can count on Him for He is on your side. (Hebrews 13:5; Psalms 118:6)

Things may not have gone as you planned, but God knows just how everything is going to turn out. He has a future for you with hope (Jeremiah 29:11). That is a promise from God and He does know!



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## *Focus Questions*

1. Describe a time when you could have easily cried out the same words as the young girl described above.
2. List the biblical characters you can think of who perhaps felt the emotions of uncertainty and abandonment?
3. Read Matthew 27:46 and Hebrews 4:15. Why should these scriptures provide comfort and assurance to us today?

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