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Closer Than You Know

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> *For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.*
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> PSALM 91:11

When my son Eric was about four years old, he fell out of the back of our VW van onto the freeway because the rear door didn't latch properly. Immediately, a priest turned his car sideways to protect him from oncoming traffic. At almost the same moment, an off-duty police officer arrived on the scene.

Coincidence? I don't think so!

The officer knew where the nearest hospital was and got Eric to the emergency room within minutes. I'm convinced Eric's guardian angel was working overtime that day!

Years later, when Eric was an adult, a car came crashing through a storefront near where he was standing. Overtime again! How many times have angels intervened in our lives without our ever knowing?

God's angels are a beautiful reminder of His care for us. Throughout Scripture, we find assurances we are never beyond the reach of His love and watchful presence.

Exodus 23:20 says, "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."

Elle Limebear, a singer from Chichester, England, reminds us in her song about angels. They are always around us, standing guard day and night. What a comforting thought!

Psalm 91:11 tells us, “For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.”

And Psalm 34:7 assures us, “The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.”

I also love the words of an old, familiar hymn by Fanny Crosby: “Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.”

In Matthew 18, Jesus speaks of how deeply God values each of His children. He speaks of angels who have access to the Father’s presence in heaven.

God’s love is not reserved for the powerful, the successful, or those who seem to have everything together. Every life matters to Him.

Wow! Talk about having our very own S.O.S. connection to heaven!

If God can send help to protect a little four-year-old boy on a busy freeway, He can certainly help us face whatever dangers or difficulties come our way. Although we may not always understand how He works, we can trust His wisdom, His presence, and His unfailing love.

So, whatever is causing you anxiety today, take heart. You are never beyond God’s reach. His angels may be closer than you realize, and His love is always surrounding you.

As Elle sings, “You don’t have to fight. Heaven’s on your side, and help is closer than you know.”

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your loving care and for the ways You protect and guide us, often in ways we may never see. When fear rises and life feels uncertain, remind us we are never alone. Help us rest in Your presence, trust Your promises, and walk forward with faith, knowing our lives are precious to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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