Even There

Scripture: Psalm 139:9-16

Psalms 139:9-10 (NKJV) If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, {10} Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. {11} If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; {12} Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. {13} For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. {14} I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. {15} My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. {16} Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

Introduction

I was two months past my 35th birthday that Sunday morning. I had risen before dawn to prepare for the day. In a voice so quiet that, had it not been so early in the morning, I would have missed it, the Lord spoke to me and said, "Dale, some things are going to change in your life, but I'll be with you. Casually I replied, Okay, Lord. The migraine headache that hit me later that day lasted for 30 days.

In a desperate attempt to find relief from the pain, I went to a chiropractor. He adjusted my low back, then my upper back. But when he adjusted my neck, I suddenly realized that my right arm and leg were now dangling limply at my side. I could not use them. Within minutes I lost the vision in my right eye. For almost three hours I lay there thinking "What's going on? What's happening to me?" All the while the excruciating pain in my head continued unabated.

I. He knew you before you existed

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A. Your talents and abilities
B. Your appearance
C. Your disposition

II. He designed your entire life

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A. Your family of origin
B. Your siblings
C. The friends you associated with
D. Your mate

III. He knows where you are right now

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A. He knows the disappointment you feel
B. He knows about your anxiety
C. He knows about your loneliness
D. He knows about where you live

Conclusion

My recovery took months. I had to learn to read again. During that time the Lord sent people into my life to lift me up. He cared for me. He used that time to build qualities into me that He is using now.