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“HE KNOWS MY NAME”

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*“I have a maker,
He formed my heart
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.
He knows my name,
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.”*

This is a powerful song that reminds us of the comforting truth that God knows us personally and that we matter to Him. Indeed, the supernatural truth is that God knows each of us by name; He knew us before we were even born.

1. What is the significance of God knowing our names?

1.1 **God knows us.** He knows us individually and intimately. We are His own and He knows us completely. Throughout the Scripture, we see God calling people by their names, e.g., Abraham (Gen. 12), Moses (Ex. 3), Samuel (1 Sam. 3), Zacchaeus (Lk. 19:5-6), Martha (Lk. 10:28-42), Simon Peter (Jn. 21:20), Saul (Acts 9) and many more.

1.2 **God knows us absolutely.** He knows everything about us. He knew us even before we were conceived.

- God knew our name even before we existed (Jer. 1:55). We are uniquely designed by God. His plans for us are good, not bad (Jer. 29:11). This means He consecrated us to do in this world.
- He knew our name before we were born (Isa. 49:1). Before our parents named us, God already knew our name. He knows every detail about us - our thoughts, our hearts, our deeds, our weaknesses, our

sickness, and all our circumstances in the past, the present, the future, and the next phase of our life.

1.3 **God knows where we are.** He knows where we are or what situation we find ourselves in. The eye of God sees all (2 Chron. 16:9). He gives us word of knowledge about things we do not know or do not see (Ps. 139:1-12).

1.4 **God calls us by our name.** He calls each of us by our names. Hagar was used, discarded, unemployed, evicted, broken and hurting. God called her by her name and met her where she was. In the same way, God calls us by our names and meets us in our brokenness. He knows if we are broken or in pain. He will help us when we pray and just listen to Him.

1.5 **God knows and loves us completely.** God compares us to a lamb in Jn. 10:14-15. As a good shepherd, He will lay down His life for us.

Conclusion:

For God to know us by name means that He chose us on purpose for a purpose. He created us with unique gifts that we can bless the world with. God has good plans for each of us (Jeremiah 29:11). His plans are marvelous and when we partner with Him, we can set the world on fire for Him.

Reflection:

1. Do you remember when you were called by God by your name?
2. What situation were you in when He called you?

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