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**Grace Notes Program**

**SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD**

**TITLE: God meets us at our level**

**SONGS: I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF HIS CARE**

**APPLE OF HIS EYE**

**Welcome to 'Grace Notes', brought to you by Sandbek Concert Ministries. Let's join concert artist and author, Barbara Sandbek, as she continues her series 'INTIMACY WITH GOD' with 'God meets us at our level'.**

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**\* I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF HIS CARE \* length: 3:18**

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**VERSE 1**

***The eyes of God are upon me  
He sees everything I do  
The arms of God are around me  
He keeps me safe and secure***

**CHORUS**

***And He knows where I am  
Every hour of everyday  
He knows each thought I think  
He knows each word that I might say  
And although there've been times  
I stepped out of His will  
I've never been out of His care.***

**VERSE 2**

***This changing world alarms me  
With war, with sin, with strife  
But my loving Father charms me  
With joy, with peace and with life***

**(REPEAT CHORUS)**

**Tag: *I've never been out of His care***

**On our last program we talked about the fact that...**

- **INTIMACY is impossible without KNOWLEDGE**
- **So God gives us ways to KNOW HIM...**
  - **1st...by what we SEE (in Creation)**
  - **then by what we HEAR (through His written Word)**
- **God proved He's INTERESTED in us...and reachable when He sent Jesus, His WORD in the flesh, to LIVE among us.**

**God comes down to OUR LEVEL even now...**

**God is Spirit, yet He pictures Himself in ways we can understand.  
His Word says He has a heart that feels...**

**He has hands that hold...**

**He has ears that hear...and eyes that see.**

**In Psalm 73:23 the Psalmist writes..**

**I am continually with Thee. You hold me by my RIGHT hand.**

**When I read this verse I stopped and thought of all the people without a father.  
They have a HEAVENLY FATHER who holds their hand.**

**Once while I was on tour, I stayed with a woman and her daughter. The father had left when the girl was only 20 months old. I asked the girl, who was now in her twenties, if it was hard to be without a father.**

**She said..."Oh no, not since I met Jesus. He's more than a father to me."**

**Have you ever wondered why the Scriptures use the RIGHT hand?**

**It's a symbol of strength.**

**When I was in business world, I attended seminars on how to conduct meetings. I found out that position was very important...**

- **you need to sit at the HEAD of table**
- **and then have a person on your RIGHT to feed you the RIGHT information at the right time (like a right hand man).**

**God wants to be at our RIGHT HAND in life to help us make RIGHT decisions and give us the tools we need to SUCCEED.**

**Have you ever felt God's arms?**

**One of my favorite hymns is 'He hideth my soul'. When I sing it**

**I try to portray the words, especially the line that says...  
"and covers me there with His hand".**

**On one occasion I spoke about having felt God's arms around me.  
After the concert, a 32 year old widowed lady with 2 small girls  
came up to me and said she could identify with my statement.  
When her husband died, she didn't know what she'd do.  
She was on her knees praying, "Lord, how can I do this"?  
She said she felt what she perceived to be arms around her  
and her heart heard His voice say, "Don't fear, I'll be with you".**

**When I retired from a career as a Computer Programmer, it wasn't as easy  
as I thought it would be.**

**I'd never known any life-style other than work..work..work, so I wasn't  
prepared for the adjustment I'd have to make.**

**I learned a lot about myself those first few months.  
I realized that I had defined 'who I was' based on 'what I did'.**

**Since it was now time to 'BE' rather than 'DO', I felt very insignificant.**

**One particularly disturbing day, while on my knees I prayed..."Please, Lord,  
just help me not to feel like a nobody".**

**Immediately I felt His presence; almost as if His arms were around me. The  
Holy Spirit caused my heart to hear His words,  
"You are precious in my sight. My Son died for you."**

**From that day to this, I have never again questioned my worth.  
Does God have arms? He does to me!**

**How about God's eyes? Is He really interested enough to watch us?**

**2 Chronicles 16:9a says...**

**'The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those  
whose hearts are fully committed to Him.'**

**If you're serving Him, be assured He's got His eye on you  
and He's cheering –**

**You can do it! - You can do it!**

**He'll give you the STRENGTH you need to carry on.**

**Psalm 34:15 reads...**

**The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are inclined unto their cry.**

**A lady at one of my concerts said that she was struck by the word 'INCLINED' in that verse. To her it was like a MOM listening for voice of a child in the night.**

**In my book, 'My Journey to Joy', I've included a poem I wrote, which describes how God sees us; especially when we're in need. It's entitled, 'Tiny Sparrow...for those who hurt'...**

***TINY SPARROW***

***'for those who hurt'***

***By Barbara Sandbek***

***Tiny sparrow...weak and small  
fell from her nest and had a fall.  
But though she fell her Lord above  
reached down to her and showed His love.  
He cares for butterflies and bees.  
He watches over flowers and trees.  
But He cares most for wounded birds.  
He covers them and soothes their hurts.  
Tiny sparrow..He knows your name...  
He hears you cry...He feels your pain.  
Through suffering, He's always there.  
You need not even say a prayer.  
Though you can't fully understand...  
your Heavenly Father's got a plan.  
How precious are His thoughts to you.  
And He will love you, your whole life through.  
His eye is on the sparrow...and He's surely watching you!!!***

**Yes, God Loves us in DETAIL.**

**In Psalm 139: 13-18, King David writes as he speaks to the Lord...**

**You created my inmost being.**

**You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Your works are wonderful - I know that full well.  
My frame was not hidden from You  
    when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth  
    Your EYES saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me were written in Your Book  
    before one of them came to be.  
How precious are Your thoughts, O God!  
How vast the sum of them!  
Were I to count them they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I awake, I am still with You.**

**I've always had a fascination with EYES. They are the windows of the soul.  
Did you know that pupils dilate when a person looks at you and likes you.**

**In my quiet times with the Lord,  
I sometimes picture Jesus sitting across from me at the table  
..I picture eyes of compassion as I tell Him my feelings  
    (Ever seen a person with compassionate eyes?)  
..I picture eyes of love that say, "I LOVE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE".**

**When God looks at us, His pupil dilates because He likes what He sees.**

**The term, 'Apple of your eye', is a metaphor to describe something that is  
protected and guarded carefully. It actually means,  
    'THE LITTLE MAN IN THE EYE'.**

**When I was young, my Grandpa had a favorite grandchild, and it wasn't me.  
It was my sister, She was the first and four years older than me.  
He called her the 'Apple of his eye'. It bothered me for a long time...  
    But I found in Scripture, initially for Children of Israel,  
    but now for me and all His Children that God sees us as the  
        APPLE of HIS eye.**

**Feeling unloved today? Listen to the words of this song...**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Annie Herring  
\*\*\* APPLE OF HIS EYES \*\*\* LENGTH: 3:54  
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**VERSE 1:**

**He's the One who loves you more than you will ever know  
He's the One who dries the tears you cry  
He has formed your very soul & knows your every need  
And He will guide you through your darkest night**

**CHORUS:**

**For you still carry inside you is LIGHT(1st) LOVE(2nd)  
that never dies  
And you are always before Him – the apple of His eye**

**VERSE 2:**

**He's the One who holds you close when no one will come near  
The One who sees what no one else can see  
He's the One who keeps your burden light enough to bear  
For He will be your strength when you are weak**

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**BRIDGE:**

**Nothing in this world could ever keep His love from you  
And He gave His life to see His promise through**

**VERSE 3:**

**Oh He's the One who loves you more than you will ever know  
And He has counted every tear you've cried  
He will take your tear-stained heart & make it light as snow  
And He'll become your wings so you can fly.**

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**TAG: You're the Apple of His eye**

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'INTIMACY with GOD'.**

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