

**Mar. 10 - Scripture:** Luke 12: 1-34

*Verses that speak to you:* While this particular scripture reading has an ABUNDANCE of truth that could impact one's life, verses 6 and 24 spoke to me today..."Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. (verse 24 echoes the same thought.)

*Observation:* While recently reading about the population of Brevard county (approximately 380,000), and the COUNTLESS thousands who have died or are missing in Haiti, I'm tempted to think that it just couldn't be possible for God to know ME personally! Please realize that this thought is coming from one who communes with Him regularly and even, sometimes, senses His presence in my life. However, my mind cannot wrap itself around His individual love for me and the world and therefore I'm occasionally tempted to question that love and even its existence.

*Application:* Notice how Satan used that strategy with Eve in the garden? Satan tempted Eve to doubt God's love and good will for her and he uses that tactic with me, as well.

However, armed with the word of God, I can overcome his lies...the scripture says that since He knows and cares when a sparrow falls, He CERTAINLY knows and loves ME!

*Prayer:* Father God, Creator of all creatures great and small, your love confounds and amazes me. Holy Spirit, help me rest in the powerful LOVE that knows my name and when a bird falls dead to the earth. Remind me that this isn't only about me but that your love is for everyone who has lived, lives and will live on this planet. I love you, Lord Jesus.

*Writer:* My name is Sydney Freese and I've been with this church for 12 years. The longer I know God, the more I am aware of my need for a savior. Will we ever be able to comprehend His love for us? I don't know but I suspect that is why we are eternal creatures...we have an endless time to experience an endless love. I'm married to Tim and have three children and one AWESOME grandchild!