

## *Here I Am – come sit by me.*

“For I am with you and will take care of you. I, the Lord, have spoken.”  
Jeremiah 1:19b NLT

Be honest. Has there ever been an event you’ve gone to and you were a little late in arriving and you didn’t know many (if any) people there AND when you finally walked into the room the noise of your entry probably made most people turn their heads for a quick and curious glance?

If only you could immediately lock eyes with someone you know and be relieved to see they’ve saved a seat for you, then all of this anxiety you’re experiencing would immediately vanish!

This happened in a somewhat similar fashion just recently. Some of the details were different, which is irrelevant, because the gift I received and stored in my heart is still the same no matter the circumstances.

There was a room, I was a little late, and I was feeling uneasy; but when I walked into the room, the voice I heard and the arm waving and beckoning me to come and sit was that of my grandson. “Here I am! Come sit by me, Grandma!” Besides making everyone else within earshot smile, those were the sweetest, most inviting words I could have ever asked for.

I was expected.  
I was being welcomed.  
He desired my company.  
I was being loved.

This was the message – not just from this adorable (pardon me, you know how it is with grandchildren) young man, but from my heavenly Father. Wherever we go, whatever the circumstance, God is the one sitting on the chair waiting for us to enter. He’s expecting us, welcoming us and desiring our company. He’s the one waiting to put our uneasiness to rest and to assure us that He will always be there anticipating our arrival and offering His unfailing love.

He’s the One with His arms waving in the air saying,  
“Child of mine, here I Am – come sit by Me!”

**Father, thanks so much for your unfailing love and for fulfilling the promises in my life. Thanks for open arms through the good times and bad times. You are all I need. Amen**

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