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I so enjoy the daily e-devotions that are written by John Eldredge. They are usually excerpts from his books including Wild at Heart, Waking the Dead, The Sacred Romance, etc. For me, they are so real and provide such a revealing glimpse into my heart. The following is today's devotional which leaves you with a question. I find that our real relationship with God allows us to ask very hard questions about God's heart. He is not threatened by our questions for He knows that in our journey to find the answers, we find out what is true about Him. And that is the truth that sets us free.

The question lodged deep in our hearts, hidden from our conscious minds, is: "Do you care for me, God?"

What's under the question?

Blaise Pascal, in his *Pensées*, says, "The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of." What's under that question is our personal stories, often punctuated by the Message of the Arrows: parents who were emotionally absent; bedtimes without words or hugs; ears that were too big and noses that were too small; others chosen for playground games while we were not; and prayers about all these things seemingly met with silence. And embedded in our stories, deep down in our heart, in a place so well guarded that they have rarely if ever been exposed to the light of day, are other grief-laden and often angry questions: "God, why did you allow this to happen to me? Why did you make me like this? What will you allow to happen next?" In the secret places of our heart, we believe God is the One who did not protect us from these things or even the One who perpetrated them upon us. Our questions about him make us begin to live with a deep apprehension that clings anxiously to the depths of our hearts . . . "Do you really care for me, God?"

This is the question that has shipwrecked many of our hearts, leaving them grounded on reefs of pain and doubt, no longer free to accompany us on spiritual pilgrimage. We might be able to rationalize away that question by telling ourselves that we need to be more careful, or that sometimes others are just bad. We can even breathe a sigh of relief when we realize that trouble has come from our own sin. But even the careful, legalistic, and constricted lifestyle that arises out of thinking we can avoid trouble through our own devices shipwrecks when the Arrows seem to strike us out of nowhere. What are we to make of God's wildness in allowing these things to happen? ([see Sacred Romance, 49-50](#))

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