

Consider the Birds...

Each morning when we open our front door and walk onto the flat roof overlooking the city of Amman, we are joined by hundreds of birds chirping and singing their dawn chorus. After trying to figure out why they do this, one bird expert explained it in a rather poetic way: birds communicate early in the morning for two basic reasons. Number #1 is to declare that they made it safely through the night and Number #2 is to indicate precisely where they can be found.

In the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus told us to look at the birds of the air, to consider them. There about 300 verses in the Bible where birds are mentioned, so they must be important. If birds respond to their Creator by letting Him know daily that they made it through the night and that they can be found in a certain location, let us “consider” how some humans in our region might greet their Creator.

*Good morning, God! I am **Rami**. I made it through the night and can be found in Gaza City. I am one of the few Christians left here. Right now, I am living in the church courtyard because my house was bombed to rubble. I do not know what the future will bring...but my eyes are on You!

*Good morning, God! I am **Sarah** and I made it through the night over here in Zarqa, Jordan. I am a single woman who has been working for a Christian NGO and have come to know and love Jesus. My family is opposed to this and has set up a court case against the NGO. What should I do?

*Good morning, God! I am **Bashar**, a Syrian refugee living here in Mafraq, Jordan since 2012. We have received helpful aid from wonderful Christians, but perhaps now it is time for me to return to Syria. However, it is still dangerous there. Should I go back?

Good morning God! I am **Danny** who just made it through the night. I am a youth worker here in Amman. I love these young people and want to give them the best chance to understand You and walk in faith. Help me to have a spiritual impact!

*Good morning, God! I am **Imad**, an elder at an older church in a poor area of Irbid, Jordan. We love You, but have an outdated building and very little musical talent. We would love to sing songs to You with energy and enthusiasm. Can you help us?

*Good morning, God! This is **Hannah** over in Madaba, Jordan. I am the leader of the women's group at our church. These women are wonderful, loving you and serving you so well. But many of them have unbelieving husbands or children, and this breaks their hearts. They pray to honor you!

*Good morning, God! I am **Zaid** who has made it through the night again here on Jabal Hussein. I love my Sunday School so much, and I go to a Christian school and Christian camps. I know that You love me; I have put my trust in You as my Savior. But now the Doctor says my Mama might have cancer, and I am very scared. Will you help?

*Good morning, God, from Petra! I am **Sami**, a Christian and a certified tour guide here. Because of the ongoing wars and conflicts around us, Jordan airspace is often closed, so tourists cannot fly in. Sometimes 100% of tours are cancelled! We love our country but I need work to support my wife and four children. Should I try to find work in another country? Show me the way.

*Good morning, God! We are the **evangelical pastors** in Jordan, having made it through many, many days and nights of ministry all over this country. We are at present celebrating 100 years of this unique spiritual movement begun in 1926! You have been faithful to us through hardships and harvests. We pledge to continue this great work!

*Good morning, God! We are **Bob and Suzanne**, having made it through 52 years of ministry in Jordan and 57 years of marriage! Thank you so much for what You have done in all of those days and nights, and for waking us up each morning to see the lovely sunrise over this land we love.

Bob and Suzanne, June 2026
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