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THE FIRST ARTICLE (PART 2)

DEVOTION

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

What does this mean? He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29–31)

FOR SHARING

1. Tell about a time when you were in danger or felt overwhelmed by your situation.
2. Danger and evil, Luther reminds us, surround us every day. In addition to the physical dangers, what spiritual dangers do you face?
3. In what ways do we often “let down our guard” against Satan and evil?
4. The Lord Jesus paid the price to defend and save us from the forces of evil and eternal destruction. Explain the role of God the Father in bringing about our salvation.
5. Share how your faith in Christ helps you live and work confidently in His name.

PRAYER

O Lord, You provide care and protection for all Your creation. You give me what I need to stand firm in faith. Thank You for Your love revealed at the cross. Help me to know that I am safe in Your mighty power. In Jesus' name. Amen.