



A Word from the Author

I am a mom to six boys (some of whom I've launched into the adult world!), and I wrote this book to articulate what I want them to remember as they begin their adult lives: that the love and faithfulness of God is incomparable.

The relationship between parents and children is the *most* rewarding and the *most* gut-wrenching; holding on tightly just to let them go; teaching them what we know and praying it sticks; running ahead of them until they're suddenly running ahead of us, ready to take flight. All the while, we're sowing the truth of God's Word and character, praying that the seeds we've sown take root and flourish.

Psalm 23 is one of those seeds. It speaks of God's love and faithfulness with beautiful pictures about what it means to be a sheep in the care of a



good Shepherd. It reminds us that God is our dwelling place—our only *true* home. Psalm 23 is the song of one who has traveled with God and knows—without a shadow of a doubt—that He provides, comforts, shelters, and leads His people through every beautiful and hard place of life's journey. What more could a parent wish for their child than to sing that song?

Whether you read this book as a parent releasing your beloved children into adulthood or helping your little ones navigate the journey of life, my prayer is that *Home Is Right Where You Are* serves as a tether to the faithfulness of God. Because no twist or turn in your journey—no mountain or valley, no joy or grief—will find you alone when you walk with God.

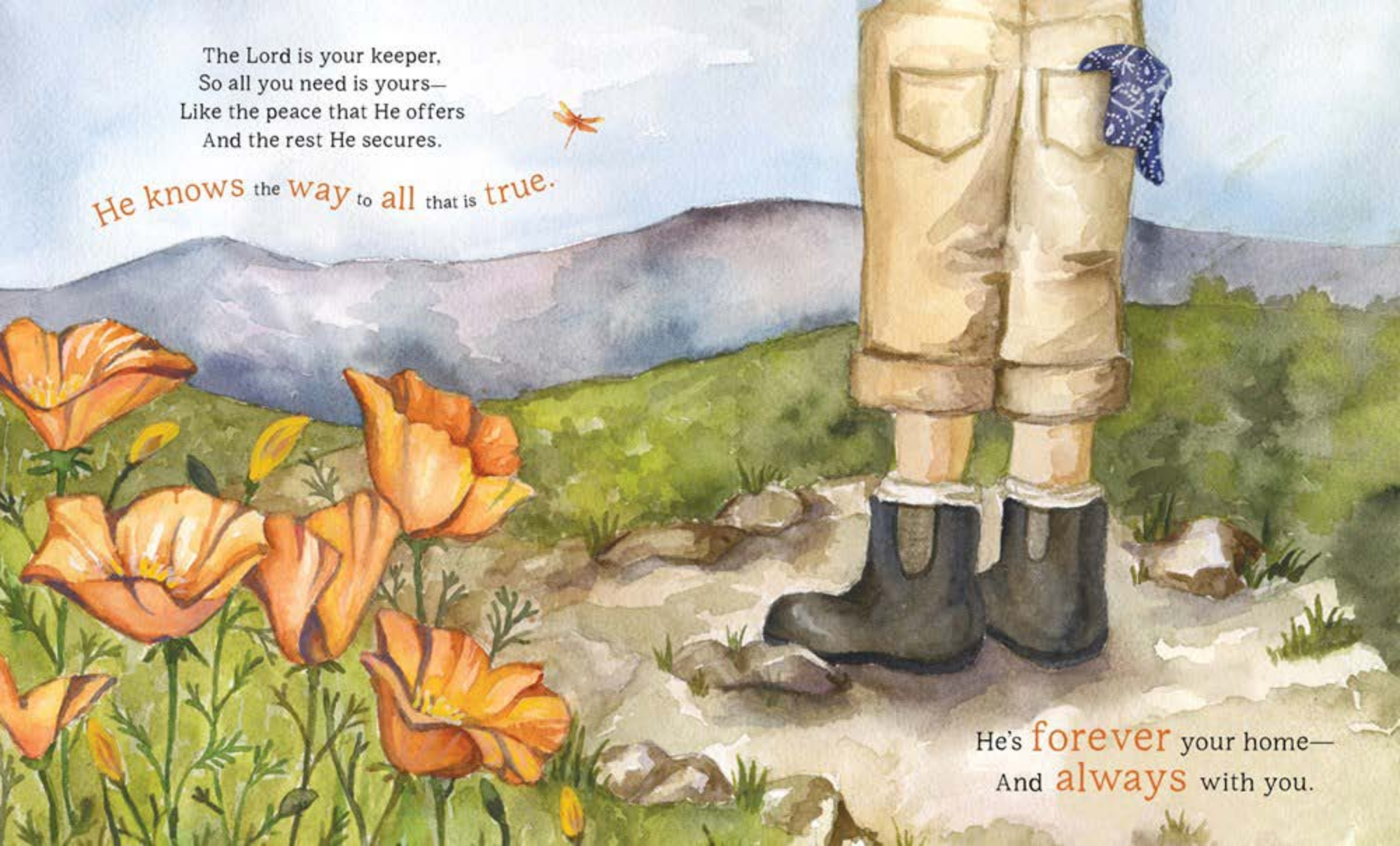
Because of grace,

Ruth



Listen close,
my sweet child,

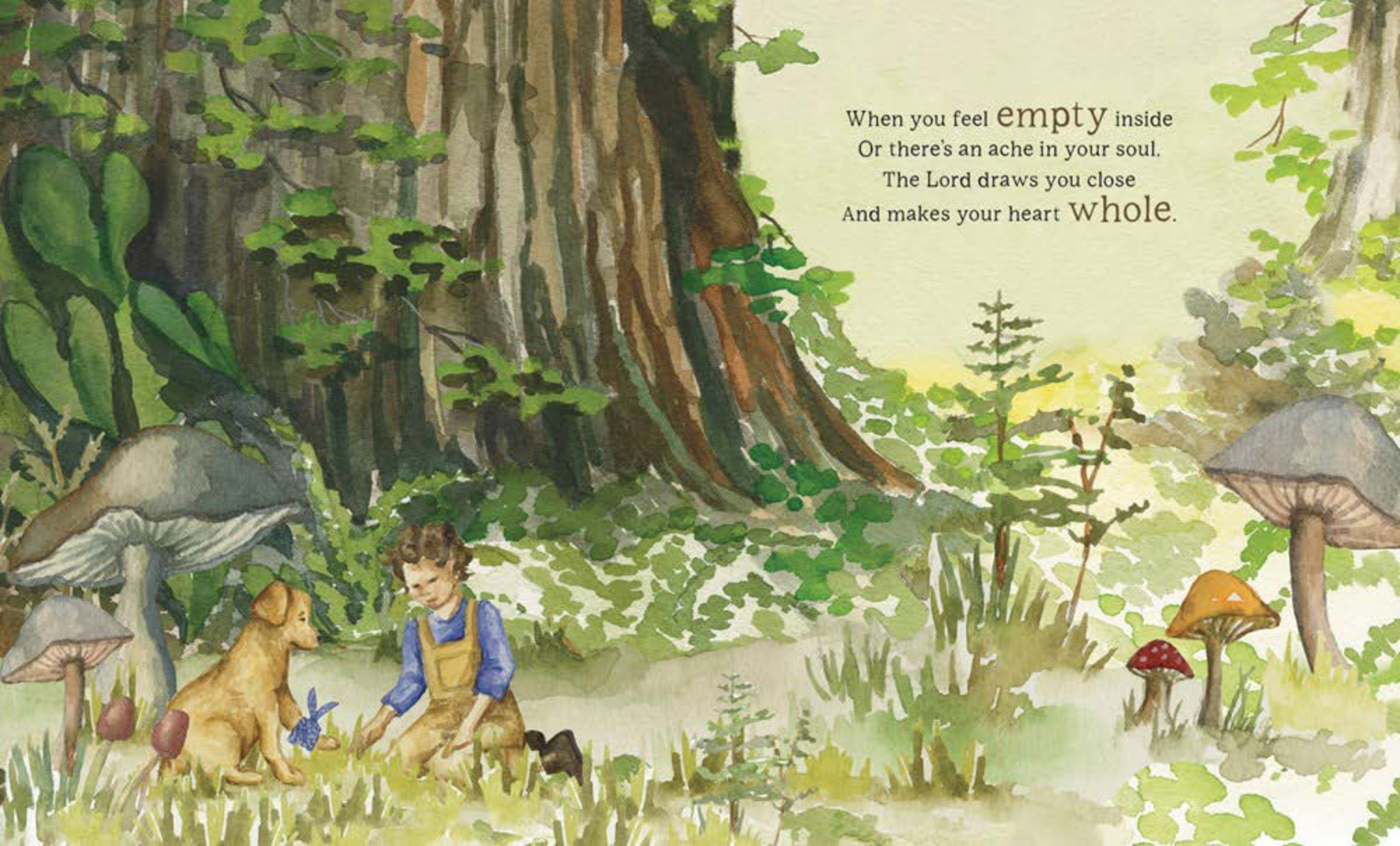
To this one thing I know.
Let's walk together—
Hold my hand as we go.



The Lord is your keeper,
So all you need is yours—
Like the peace that He offers
And the rest He secures.

He knows the way to all that is true.

He's forever your home—
And always with you.



When you feel **empty** inside
Or there's an ache in your soul.
The Lord draws you close
And makes your heart **whole**.

Sometimes you'll journey
On paths so unclear.

You'll think you're **TOO SMALL**
And **tremble** with **fear**.



A night sky filled with stars and a faint, colorful nebula. In the foreground, a small, illuminated tent is pitched on a dark field. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, with the tent providing a warm, glowing focal point.

Look up, my darling,

In the dark of the night.
The Lord guides your steps—
And keeps you in sight.

A collection of watercolor raindrops in various shades of blue and white, scattered across the left side of the image. One larger drop in the center contains text.

Some
days will be
hard. You'll
be troubled
and blue



When others don't recognize
God's **wonder** in you.

But God fills **your** cup

With His comfort and care.

Hope, joy, and peace
Will spill out everywhere!



JOY

HOPE

PEACE



Child, never forget
Your Redeemer and Friend.
He's all that you need.

And
His
love
has no end.

A watercolor illustration of a child and a dog on a hillside under a sunset sky. The child, wearing a blue shirt and yellow overalls, stands on the left, holding the hand of a golden retriever. The landscape features rolling hills in shades of green and grey, with a winding path. The sky is filled with warm, layered colors of orange, yellow, and red, transitioning into a blue-grey at the top. A swallow is flying in the upper right corner.

Someday your **journey**
May mean we're apart.

You'll fly from this **nest**
Here next to my **heart**.

