Rooted in Love - 800 Feet Underground – by Kaelin Scott

Have you ever witnessed something so grand and majestic that you felt small and insignificant in comparison?

My husband and I recently took our kids to Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, and it was truly amazing. Honestly, I think everyone should go there at least once in their life. It was that magnificent.

Having been to other caverns before, I knew it would be cool, but I wasn't expecting the sheer magnitude of this underground world. We kept going down, down, down for what felt like ages before finally reaching the bottom. And then there were still miles of unexplored caves beyond that. There were so many beautiful rock formations, pools of water, and crystals. I've never seen anything so majestic before.

As we wandered through these enormous caverns, I was in complete awe of God. Even before a single human had stumbled upon this place, He knew every inch of it by heart. He knew exactly when it would be discovered and exactly who would discover it (which is a pretty cool story if you want to look it up). And He knew that one day, I would stand there with my family and enjoy the beauty of His creation.

As I contemplated all this, it made me feel insignificant at first. Like I'm so small compared to the vastness of the world. How could I possibly matter or make an impact? But the more I thought about it, it actually made me feel incredibly special. Because I know for certain that God loves and treasures me above all creation. In His eyes, I am so much more valuable than anything in those caverns, or above them, or beyond them in the whole world.

It was comforting to me, seeing all God is capable of, and yet knowing that He still cares for little old me. Nothing is too big for Him, but nothing is too small either. And realizing that made me feel so loved. Whether I'm 800 feet underground in a cave or high on a mountaintop, He sees me and knows me and loves me beyond compare. Even though I may be small in the grand scheme of things, I'm His beloved creation whom He sacrificed His Son for. And that's definitely something to be grateful for.

If you haven't been to the Carlsbad Caverns before, I highly encourage you to go. It's something you'll never forget. Also, if you're wondering if you matter – the answer is yes. You are beloved and treasured beyond all else. Never forget that!