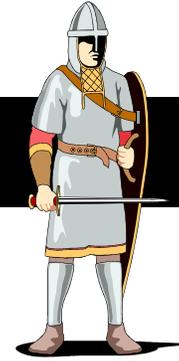


Wall of Prayer



October 28, 2011

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

I've just heard from a dear friend whose little boy has been down with a fever. I remember those days. Most often it was my delight to watch as our boys scurried around playing at hyper speed. But there were those times when illness slowed them down. Their little bodies were achy and tired; they just wanted to sit in my lap and be held. We sang, we read, but mostly we snuggled and rested. It was quiet; it was peaceful. They felt secure in my arms and I felt truly blessed to be the one taking care of them and holding them close.

In the past few months I have found myself in the arms of our heavenly Father with a perspective our kiddos may have had. I find my usually overbooked calendar of work, projects and traveling to see those sons who are now grown men, to be empty except for the appointments made for doctor visits and clinical testing. Complications from meningitis have taken me out of circulation and placed me right in the lap of my heavenly Father. I'm wondering if He is feeling blessed to have me slow down and just be still and know that He is God; that He is in control and will guide and protect me through this time? We have sung songs, we have read. Mediating with Him on Psalm 23 got me through a couple of nights when the pain was at its worst. God has also let me see and feel His presence through the eyes and arms of my husband, my hero. Bob's sense of humor, his patient and calm words of truth and reassurance, not to mention his laundry and cooking talents, have been a balm, a tonic straight from the hand of God. The prayers, visits and cards from dear family members and friends have been vital to my recovery.

I share this with you to articulate the truth that our Heavenly Father is blessed when we slow down and sit with Him. Also, I know that many of you who have endured much more serious illnesses and tragedies over the past year join me in relating times we have opened our Bibles to hear God say:

"Fear not for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will Help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand..." Isaiah 41:10

And in Isaiah 43 ...

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you."

Bless you for your continued faithfulness in praying for our students and may the God of Peace, our Great Physician, hold you close. We rejoice together in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who causes us to join the Apostle John in saying, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God!"

In Him,

Susan Admire

"Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee." 2 Chr. 14:11