

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Loving, Believing, and Trusting

1 John 4: 16 *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*

I may not be an assertive Christian, but I try very hard to follow the Ten Commandments, pray every day, and trust and believe in Jesus. I love Jesus as a friend and as a Savior, and also find Jesus to be there when-ever and where-ever I need Him.

For instance, when my husband was in intensive care 3 years ago, for a collapsed artery in his chest, I had to act very quickly and intelligently. He was sent to Cayuga Medical, Ithaca, and then to Rochester, Strong Hospital. I first prayed very hard for him and for myself to hold up on this stressful emergency. I never gave up hope or faith. I asked Jesus to help me through this situation. I tried to be calm and busy doing preparatory things so I could go up to Rochester to be with Rick. I had thought about canceling the mail; actually Hope Allnatt picked it up for us; and then I called Pastor Foote for help and guidance.

It happened on the weekend of Trinity's 40th anniversary, and both Rick and I were going to go to Stewart Park for the festivities. But as it happened, we could not go. Pastor Foote drove up with me to Rochester and then back again for the anniversary.

When we got to Rochester, Rick was sitting up in bed and didn't seem to be uncomfortable or in pain. He said they just put a small shunt in a small artery on the left side, and his heart was being monitored. As usual, he was surprised to see us, started talking and joking as he usually does. He looked a bit worn out, though. I stayed with him till Monday when he was released and sent home to rest.

Rick was worried about going back to teaching summer school rather than resting for a week. The small artery was fixed, and he was doing fine. God was with us, and we were praying very hard for a successful procedure and good health. That summer the heat was very intensive. We had weeks of high humidity and temperatures climbed to 99 degrees.

From this emergency, I learned that God loves us no matter who we are or what we do and even how we behave or trust others. He shows us His love by healing us and caring for us deeply. And He also shows us that compassion and sharing His love with others is better than not loving at all. I believe that we can find love every where, even if it means giving up things and helping others.

Prayer: I pray and give thanks to the Lord, God of heaven and earth because His mercy endures forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

---Geri Anderson

