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What has God been doing for you lately?

For this Tidings issue, we posed this question to our contributors. We think you will be encouraged by their responses.

With the global pandemic, being quarantined and most places being shut down, 2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. If you talk to most people, you would hear them complain about how terrible this year is and how they can not wait to get back to normal. But this year has put a lot of things into perspective for me. It has taught me to focus on the things that really matter. This year has shown me that overtime at work does not need to come at the expense of missing time with family. That you need to cherish the time you have with your loved ones, because you do not know how much time you have left with them. In July of this year, my mom, Ellen Gillette Walker, received her reward when she passed away. She has always been a constant in my life, and she had the greatest testimony. She showed my brother and me that no matter what life throws at you, to always trust in God, that God is in control. To say it was a hard time losing her is putting it mildly. With the restrictions of the global pandemic, my brother and I were not able to see her like we were wanting to, but God was there for us. My brother and I were able to be with her in her last days and I will always cherish those times. Spending those days with her and my brother, God showed me that He is always there with you no matter what you are going through. That is what God has done for me lately, He has given me perspective.

- Bro. Brooks Walker

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.."

I THESSALONIANS 1:2-4

Schedule:

11/25 - 11/28: Thanksgiving Work Weekend at the church Campground.

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"The sparrow's not worried about tomorrow or the troubles to come.

The lily's not thinking about the seasons, the drought or the flood.

The tree that's planted by the water isn't fazed by the fire.

So why should I be?"

Cause you take good care of me, You take good care of me.

You know what I need before I even ask a thing.

And you hold me in your hands, With a kindness that never ends.

I'm carried in your love, no matter what the future brings.

Yes, you take good care of me"

- JARED ANDERSON / ANDREW RIPP /
CORY ASBURY / ETHAN HULSE

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During this time in my life, it has been forcefully brought to my attention just how little I can control. The Bible says, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." This I can control. I made this choice many years ago. Isaiah 26: 3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." This year, 2020, it seems that chaos is everywhere and things are out of sync. We have COVID 19, politics, cities destroyed, violence in the streets, forest fires, hurricanes, etc., not to mention our personal lives and issues we deal with each day. These things are disturbing, but, I have this assurance: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalms 18: 2. When things are relatively easy, I find myself thinking I have handled this, I have fixed that. In reality, I have handled nothing. I have fixed nothing. I do know this, but, during the last few months, it has been brought into absolute clear focus for me. The things in my life and my path in life are in God's hands. WHAT A RELIEF! How grateful and thankful I am to serve a loving and all knowing God. I can rest on all of his promises. The theme for one of our Wednesday night services was the peace of God. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7. Finally, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4: 9.

- **Sis. Shirley Smith**

It's funny I'm getting asked this question now in the thick of everything that is going on because I can feel God working with me in ways I haven't felt in a while. It's been mentioned that during this pandemic people are questioning their purpose in life. Freedoms are being taken away, not just jobs are being lost, but lives of loved ones and the feeling of security, and the control that people thought they had. What is our purpose? Isaiah says "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory". We are instructed in Matthew to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.". If everything we do is for His glory, then He will call you to do things no one will think you can do; He will do it so others will see Him and not us, as it should be. If we are to live by that purpose then everything we have is His. Our home, our land, our money, any possessions we think we own are all His. When I had that realization I was immediately tested within the week on whether I was willing to give any of those things for His purpose. When I surrendered it all to Him a peace, a freedom, an excitement came over me that I didn't even know I was missing. God will bless the willing soul who gives all their resources to Him for His use. What kind of world would we live in if we all did that? Without reservation, without a second glance? And how much happier could you be? It's what He called us to do, it's what He made us for. If you think it sounds like a loss of control that's because it is. We were never meant to "be" in control and when we try to hold onto, build up, accumulate it, we are stressed out and overworked. Fall in line with His purpose, and peace like you have never known will follow.

- **Sis. Denise Arceneaux**



The best thing God has done for me lately is to teach me how much joy we, at the Campground, can bring during COVID-19 to the church nursing home, by singing through the windows! "Covid Caroling!" After everything stopped in March, we could no longer have our weekly prayer services, where we could spiritually touch the folks in the home. Although the prayers never stopped, the residents could not see us. When this was brought to our attention we were delighted to get back to spiritually uplifting the residents, even if it was window to window. We started out by praying and singing through the windows, then realized we could connect personally with those that have a cell phone...but, if not, it doesn't stop us. The beautiful, heart warming smiles mean so much to us as we sing and pray to them. It fills everyone's heart with joy that passes all understanding. "By this all men shall know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:35

- **Sis. Janet Bishop**



So thankful to be converted and sanctified. I believe that God wants us to tell others about what He has done for us personally and what God did by sending His son to die on the cross. Hebrews 13:12 "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered with the gate." So much is accomplished through prayer. Jesus prayed in the garden, alone, "not my will but thine be done." Luke 22:44 "And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Elijah prayed that there would be no rain, because God's people were disobedient. Then he prayed again and God sent the rain. It happened through prayer. James 1:6 "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." We have a responsibility to God for our own souls and to God for others as well, to our brothers and sisters in Christ and the lost. We are our brother's keeper. Let's continue to pray for each other, and for strength from above to do God's work. God will help us.

Philippians 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Many times God's will isn't what someone who is lost thinks they want. God allows us to choose. Isaiah 1:19 "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

- **Sis. Teresa Jernigan**

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