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A MOTHER'S LOVE



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What's one of the things you think about when entering the month of May? For me, it's Mother's Day.

I loved my mother, and spoke with her every day. She taught me to give people their roses while they are living. My mother was speechless when at my five-month doctor's appointment looking at the sonogram; I announced my daughter would be given my mother's name, Katie. Giving birth to my daughter was one of the happiest times of my life. Shortly after, I experienced the saddest. My mother was diagnosed with cancer, and her health rapidly declined. I took her to doctors' appointments and had custodial care. It was tough, but it was also a privilege to be available and present.

James 1:2 states, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials." Joy in suffering? They do not seem to be two things that can exist at the same time. James 1:3 states that one can consider it all joy when facing various trials, "knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance." With each challenging situation or trial that we face, comes opportunity to increase our faith, and to be better able to endure the next.

“You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful” (James 5:9-11). Many say God does not give us what we cannot bear. I think He does. It is in our weakness that God can take the lead. It is at our end where He comes in and carries us forth. Perhaps if we would go to Him in prayer sooner, we may not have as much difficulty with our burdens. The mercy that was shown Job is the same mercy and compassion God can show us.

One thing Job did while enduring and being patient was to pray – talk to God. Many things can prevent us from taking God’s yoke. We get stuck due to fear. Sometimes, we do not trust God. We have tendency to think we can handle things on our own. It can be difficult not knowing all God has planned for us. We do not control the future. We may think we do at times, but God is in control. We need to go to God for everything. We would probably experience more peace, if we trust Him more and really knew Him well. It is because of God’s love that we can experience joy and such things as our mother’s love. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

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THIS MONTH'S VERSE FOR MEMORY/MEDITATION:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.."

— Romans 12:2

MAY PRAYER FOCUS

Let us pray for those who are dealing with depression, anxiety, and other mental illnesses. Pray for their strength and that they may find comfort and understanding in their families and care takers.