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God & Watermelon

“Lord, help me to love people well where they are at, help me to be intentional about looking for and recognizing divine appointments and help me to trust that You will give me what I need when I need it.”

That is what I had written in my journal the morning I sent out my last letter and I had asked you all to pray for us as we went to a rally that day. (Thank you to those who responded and for the encouragement.)

WOW—did God ever take me up on what I had prayed...

When we got to the rally site, friends told us they had a really good place for us to set up—it was right next to the camper that always puts speakers up on top of their camper and they blast the music. Now years prior I have complained about their music—now God with His sense of humor—put me right next to them. I reminded Wally of this but he had a short memory. So I said to God, “OK I prayed that You would put us where You wanted us so I will not say anymore.” So we set up camp and were visiting with friends when the people from the trailer sitting there arrive. They are no sooner there when the speakers go up on the trailer and the music starts.



These kids actually told us they would be playing loud music and that we may want to move. I said, “I know.” We did not move but stayed being as we were already set up and believed God had put us there.

Fast forward to Saturday evening... I am walking to the trailer and I see bikes and people everywhere between our trailers. I felt overwhelmed and fear rose up. I went in the trailer and said to God “make them go away.” Then realized that was most likely not what God would have me pray. ☺

He then reminded me of verses that people had given us: Ephesians 6:10 about us being strong in God’s mighty power and that we are not fighting against flesh and blood and Deut. 31:6 which says be strong and courageous, don’t panic because I will personally go ahead of you. He also reminded me about loving people where they are at. As I sat there I said, “OK Lord, how do I love them?” One word came to my mind—watermelon. Instantly I knew how to love them.

Well, we had a two watermelons in our trailer that I had bought for our daughter and had forgotten to give to her. I said, “I can do that.” So I went out and talked with Wally & our CMA friends, who were behind our trailer, and told them what God had shown me. So we all go into the trailer and I cut up one watermelon. We went outside (and I am saying ‘Lord give me courage’) and offered watermelon to the people there and were able to visit with some of them.

When I looked back at the prayer I had written in my journal I was blown away—the Lord did help me to love them where they were at and He had given me a divine appointment and He gave me what I needed!!! He had also given us scripture verses that gave me the courage to move forward.

I do not know what they expected from the ‘old people’ who were ‘Christians’—but we were able to love on them. Wally & I were able to connect with a couple of them again which was really neat. The next morning the one gal said, “I hope we were not too loud. One day we will be the older people and I hope we can be kind to the younger ones.” God is good and God is faithful. We need to expect the unexpected and be willing to go when He says ‘go.’



A few weeks later, we were at another rally where we do a service on the Sunday morning. One of the gals was telling people that they have a service and they would not believe her. So as we were sitting there she told the one guy that we were the ones doing the service. He says, “Do you ride?” I said, “You bet, our bikes are just over there.” He looked at the bikes and looked at me and gave me the fist bump.” I had been respected and approved.

God had laid it on my heart to do the devotional on the prodigal son and to speak their language. Lord what does that mean? Tell a story. So I told a story based on the prodigal son and zeroed in on the heart of Father God. After one guy said to me, “You did good—we needed to hear this. Thanks.” We keep praying for hearts to be changed.

We Praise the Lord...

- Our new-to-us trailer has worked great; it was wonderful to be warm and have a place to retreat to. We are looking forward to holidays with it.
- We were blessed with having our trailer at our friends campground for two weeks. Wally went to work each day and I worked from there—albeit on a more relaxed schedule.
- It has been a couple of really great months and we are excited about how we have seen God at work in our lives and in the lives of others and for ‘watermelon’ - His provisions.

Join us in Prayer...

- That our holiday and down time would be a time of relaxation and rejuvenation. We will be gone from August 4-20. We will go to a wedding; visit supporters, friends, and family; have a week on our own; end it with a CMA rally.
- For God’s leading as to what we should be involved in come this fall.
- For my role as administrator in planning the annual HHMI Conference, Sept. 20-23.
- We continue to pray for someone to come on board HHMI as the Office Administrator.