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*The
Mission
of
FBCWR:
To present the Lord Jesus
Christ: His work
on the
cross
and
His in-
dwelling
power
to meet
man's
needs.*

*O love the Lord, all you
His godly ones! The
Lord preserves the
faithful, ... Be strong,
and let your heart take
courage, all you who
hope in the Lord.*

Psalms 31: 23a & 24

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Invisible Chess

Several weeks ago, I was participating in a research study on hand cleansers. On the last week of the study, my children and I spent time in the waiting area with a lady named Holly and her 1 year old daughter Caitlin. On Thursday afternoon as we were driving home, Austin (my 7 year old) mentioned something about Holly, and for some reason I brought it to Austin's attention that I did not think that Holly knew Jesus. His response was, "If you think that Holly doesn't know Jesus, then why did you not tell her about Him???" I paused for a moment realizing how really simple it was to Austin and how complicated it seemed to me. So I told Austin that he was right, and that tomorrow might be the last day that we might ever see this lady and her daughter. We should go early and sit with them and share Jesus with them and how they too could go to heaven someday.

Apparent Setback

We went home, and Austin picked out some children's books about Jesus for the baby. On Friday, we left early so that we could get to the study early to meet with Holly. We were supposed to be there by 3:20pm. At approximately 3pm, I was making a left hand turn when a Ford F350 pickup ran a light and plowed into our van. I was not only in shock over the collision but I was shocked and upset because I knew where I was headed, what we were going to do, and that we were stopped from doing it.

God Not Deterred

A nice man who witnessed the collision offered us a ride to the hospital. The paramedics did not want to strap Allison onto a board to transport her because they said she would probably become more upset. So I quickly searched through the van to find the books we had gathered together the night before for Holly's baby and found one of them unharmed. I grabbed it and asked the man if he would mind making a quick stop on the way so that I could tell the study people why I didn't make it to my appointment and to drop off the book if Holly

was still there. Holly was in her appointment, but I could not wait for her so the lady at the front desk said she would make sure Holly got the book.

God's Foreknowledge and Protection

I really felt defeated and attacked. I felt like Satan had won that one....until I spoke to my mother in Missouri that night. She said that at about 2:40pm that day, while she was at work, she felt an overwhelming need to stop everything she was doing and pray for her children because there was something very wrong. She immediately stopped and prayed!!! She didn't know which child or why she needed to pray but she went ahead and prayed anyway!!

If you remember from earlier in my story, the collision was just shortly after that!!!! My van was totaled. The passenger front seat and floorboard were pushed in 9-10 inches! The windows were shattered and the baby's car seat broke at the base from the impact of the collision!! To top it off, an F350 is a HUGE truck!!! Isn't God AWESOME how He works!!!! There was another battle going on in the heavens for me that I did not even know about.

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Physically, we are all fine. Mentally, I was initially gripped with fear every time I tried to drive. But I have literally felt the prayers of the church for my driving and I am now doing so much better. Please pray for Holly and her baby Caitlin that they will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

Thanks for reading. I would have shared this in church, but I am such a crybaby that I don't think anyone could have understood what I was saying.

Thanks,
Tracey Gregory