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*We've Got
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*"I am the
resurrection
and the life.
He who
believes in me
will live..."*

John 11:25

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Seeking Skittles in Life

Skittles are little round candies. They are small, but let me tell you, they are powerful. I use them as rewards during my sessions with the kids I work with. Not all grown-ups agree with this reward system, but it helps me stay positive. I give them out for every good behavior. At first the kids would ask for one every time they did what I asked. Slowly they quit asking until the end of the session. At times now they forget to ask but remind me the next day that I forgot their skittles the day before. The skittles slowly have disappeared. This seems good to me. The behavior to listen and learn has gotten stronger than the reward... They seem to like me and want to please me more than receive skittles.



All this to tell you that I am wanting to be a "skittle prayer warrior". Interestingly enough, I have sensed God's smile on me during our 40 Days of Prayer fest. He showed me I have this concept of prayer that is very self-righteous. I have not expected Him to answer. I have been praying to show Him I'm a "good, holy Christian". Prayer is a ritual that I have been using to try to win His favor. I know in my head this is sooo wrong. My righteousness is in Christ..... (this seems like a nice theological statement), but in reality I act like I have to present a holy, mature person to Him to get any action on His

part. (My religious background sneaking out.)

I cannot count the skittles I have received from Him in the last 3 weeks but I must admit the trials and tribulations have been greater and deeper. I guess my hands are open to receive more. I am asking Him for skittles and reminding Him if He forgets. It's like He is stooping down with His bag of skittles and saying ASK, ... ASK AGAIN,... ASK AGAIN AND AGAIN. "Unless I receive the kingdom of God like a child I cannot enter". The children I work with are sooo real... sooo honest and sooo moldable, they want their skittles and they're not pretending they don't. They respond to my rewards. He promises to reward those who seek Him.

He has rewarded my every prayer. I started with little prayers but I am getting more specific and asking more often. And when I pray with others I feel He hears better especially when Trudy would say after I asked for something, "God I totally agree with that prayer". Made me feel like two kids with open hands for Him to fill.

Just think of the skittles He is pouring out on FBCWR as our hands are opened together. Big things are happening

-Terri Fornear