

As I'm writing this at the computer, Karen and Kristen are at the Doctor's office and I may be leaving shortly to go to the hospital where it's possible Kristen will be admitted...

This long journey began shortly after Kristen's return with our Cambodia team when just a week or two later she found a tic on her leg, which we removed and thought nothing more about it – Until the red bull's-eye showed up on her leg, followed by soreness, heat from the area, etc. And yesterday spending nearly six hours at the urgent care facility, she's back to the Dr. this morning at 7:30 a.m. We're not sure what we're dealing with at this point, all we know is that we have one very, very sick kid at home who is beginning to worry her mother and father.

As a parent, I absolutely hate the feeling of being powerless to help my children – I'm sure many of you parents would echo my sentiments. I mean, I wish it were possible to take her place, know what I mean? But I can't, and that's what makes it so frustrating.

Let me ask you, when you go through such times as this – What brings you comfort? What eases your mind and gives you confidence for today and the next? Well, for me, it's the ever presence of my Father in Heaven and His Word which breathes hope, confidence, peace and assurance into my heart...

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:1-2)

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:28-31)

“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” (Psalm 62:5-8)

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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember...

Christ IS All!
Pastor Mark