

In God's Presence~ Day 5



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In God's Presence there is Community~ Vickie Petz Henderson

Walking this thing together

Sometimes I can't get to Jesus. Like the crippled man on the mat, I need to be carried. We all need a little help from our friends.

One day I did more army push-ups than most 20-year old men, the next I could hardly lift my fork. My community of friends bought my groceries, took out my trash and drove me to the hospital for regular infusions after I was diagnosed with a rare neuromuscular disease. Accepting help was a blessing and prepared me for the approaching storm.

When my husband left, I nearly drowned in my own tears. Before I needed help, now I needed CPR to survive the hurricane that blew away my life and destroyed my family. Friends carried me to Jesus before my grief carried me away.

We are created to walk this thing called life together, especially when we are crawling on our bellies trying to survive. My hope is in Jesus, but sometimes I need help getting there.

Friends grabbed me out the current and carried me to the Healer. They kept the crazy in my head from escaping.

Life-threatening storms come without warning. Just like a day at the beach turned deadly when a thunderstorm popped up. Waves pounded stranded swimmers and the riptide plucked one off and sucked him under. Horrified witnesses locked arms and formed a human chain while rain pelted their skin and lightning threatened their lives.



Anchored to Jesus, my chain of friends battled waves and reached out for me in the storm to carry me safely to my Savior.

As I improved physically, I regained my independence and thanks to the friend chain, I'm getting there emotionally and spiritually too. They speak truth that points me to Jesus and He fills me with Himself. Now I'm strong enough to reach out and grab the hand of someone gasping for her last breath. And guess what? That puts my own feet on solid ground.

If you're drowning in turbulence, take the hand of a friend who is close to Jesus and can hold you tight. On your way out of the water, grab hold of someone else. You may be surprised; it gives you strength and stability when the waves pummel you.


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Today's Prayer:

Lord, Thank you so much for placing us in a family. Let us be women who lean on one another and lift one another up to you. Help us reach out with arms like Jesus. Help us love with hearts like Jesus. Help us see needs with eyes like Jesus. We trust that you are our ultimate comfort and help in a time of trouble. We are grateful that we can extend what is freely offered to us through You to another. Amen

Further Study:

Read Mark 2:1-12

How many men carried their friend to Jesus? What lengths did they go to get their friend before Him?

In verse 5 we read that Jesus saw something. What did he see?

Reach out to someone today who needs holding. Perhaps you are in need right now and feel there is nowhere to turn. We are a community of praying women. If you need prayer, please comment on our blog and let us pray with you today.

