

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team

For the week of September 13, 2015

When a Friend is Experiencing “Turbulence”

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guideposts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers. This week we continue the focus on friends. That focus will change over time as we work our way through selections from the book.

READ: You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride on it . . .

Job 30:22

REFLECT: “This is the captain speaking. There’s a lot of weather around Denver, so you might want to buckle up early as we try to land.”

Whoa! What was that? Try to land? I dutifully fastened my seat belt. We were bouncing around like a Chihuahua on caffeine. Finally the runway came into sight. We were still all a jolt, but at least we were on the ground.

Wrong! The pilot aborted the landing and we went screaming skyward. After a few minutes of roller-coaster action, the pilot informed us we were going to Colorado Springs. Some people applauded. No one complained about the abrupt delay.

How many times my life has met with rough weather, usually without the warning to buckle up. Birth, death, joy, sorrow—they pop up like a sudden thunderstorm. Sometimes you land. Sometimes you try to land, then take off again. Sometimes you end up in a completely different place, and there’s nothing to do but call on the Almighty and ride it out.

Mark Collins

PRAY: Lord, the storms of life are tossing my friend _____ about. Help him/her to remember that only You can say, “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39).

DO: Conduct a Bible study with your friend on the word *storm*.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. *The full version used on Wednesday evenings is on the table in the lobby and on the website (see Archives).*
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Sensing Pressure, Speaking Prayer.” Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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