

God Is My Faithful Helper

"Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation." Psalm 27:9 (KJV)

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Many of you are in painful situations spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially. Some of you are reaping the consequences of bad decisions you made. Others are in painful situations through no fault of your own. I have been in both places. I know what it is like to have to face the consequences of bad decisions that I made. To wonder how (or if) I would ever get my life changed and be free of the mess I was in. As I would humble myself, repent, and take full responsibility for my actions, God's Amazing grace would lead me to the scriptures I needed to give me God's wisdom for how to handle each situation.

The Holy Spirit would give me the power to obey, and I would see the Lord change my life. I have seen this with painful, sinful habits in my life. I have seen the Lord heal and restore my marriage that was on the brink of divorce. I have seen the Lord help my husband and me get totally out of debt (including the mortgage on our house) as we obeyed His Word. I have also been in many painful situations through no fault of my own. Over and over again, God has proven Himself to be my Faithful Helper as I obeyed His Word and trusted Him.

I want to share with you some of the scriptures that have helped me. Isaiah 41:10 and 13 (KJV) read, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness... For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I

will help thee." Isaiah 43:2 (KJV) reads, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

When I surrendered my life to Christ as my Savior in 1976, I thought I would never get free from the hate, bitterness, and anger that I had toward my father who had walked out of my life before I was born; my mother who constantly beat me and allowed her boyfriends to abuse me for many years; or the bitterness and anger I had toward my husband Richard. Over the years there have been so many painful situations. Years in which my husband and I had serious physical illnesses, when my four-year-old niece was murdered, when my 22-year-old unsaved nephew committed suicide, and deaths of parents. Like some of you, I could go on and on and on. It seems like it never ends. In all of those situations, God was my Faithful Helper! He helped me in and through each situation.

Many times over the years Isaiah 41:10 and 13 and Isaiah 43:2 have been my hope in life's storms. Trust Him, beloved believer. He will not fail you! To the unbeliever, may I encourage you, today would be the day to give your life to Christ.

With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ

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