

Things God has taught me (and is teaching me)

Raised on a farm – Lutheran background. Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Saved at 16 years old by reading the pamphlet, “All Satan's Apples have worm's”.

My life's verses, Trust: “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 Call: “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Jeremiah 33:3

After college we served in the youth work in Wisconsin. God led us into missions – We are in Canada today because Pastor & Mrs Mitchell burden for Canada. Finally after three years raising needed support we arrived in Hamilton. Jamin was 2 months old. It was a few months after I began to have painful fingers and feet. Jamin was 6 months that I couldn't pin diapers pins anymore. 2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” Grow in grace change took place in our lives and my life's verses came to mind.

I. TRUST IN LORD Proverbs 3:5,6 We need to trust the Lord totally – lean not to our understanding! Our understanding is immediate God heal me. “And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 God answers many times: “My grace is sufficient for thee.” Verse 7 Paul was given a thorn in the flesh . He did have it all his life he had to learn to live with it and not complain or feel sorry for himself. It's so easy to feel sorry for yourself – I fight this battle every day. Satan would love it if Christians all sat and felt sorry for themselves. This reminds me of Jonah - “ And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.” Jonah 4:9 Here Jonah is angry over a gourd even unto death. Elijah was feeling sorry for himself that he said “Lord take my life.” I Kings 19:4 when he thought Jezebel was after him. God said, “What doest thou here Elijah?”

II. PATIENCE: James 2:2-4 “For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?” Romans 5:3 “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;” ...Knowing that tribulation worketh patience. I have not arrived I am learning this lesson daily. As soon as we've decided we've overcome Satan is there to knock us down. Philippians 3:12-13 “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,” As Paul