

Saturday - March 23

...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

I have experienced God's grace many times in my life (and how thankful I am!). Most, if not all of those times, I did not realize it until sometime later. Usually that realization occurred as I was retelling the experience or simply rethinking a situation. Occasionally it would literally feel like I was being hit over the head with it.

I would like to share this occurrence with you which happened many years ago. My mother died when I was 24 after a long, sad battle with cancer. At that same time, there was much that was exciting in my life and balancing sadness and happiness was difficult. I met Larry at this time and through him, his parents. We became engaged several months after mom died. I struggled with school and work obligations as well as planning a wedding without my mom. I tried to hide that struggle and thought I did a good job. But over the years as I've looked back on that time, I've come to the realization that God put people in my life at those moments when I needed them. Especially Larry's mom, Carole. She would call me, offer advice, or give a little gift without making me feel as though I needed to have her help. Her quiet, generous spirit gave me the support I needed to keep going. I am sad to say that I did not fully appreciate all she offered at the time. As I have thought back over the years, God has helped me see that she was and is a shining example of His grace and love in the world and for that I am eternally grateful.

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Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your saving grace. Help us to recognize your efforts to remind us of this. Amen.