

Tuesday - March 10

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1:16 (NIV)

Some people have an innate ability to see God's hand in every aspect of their life, I admire that quality in others, but have a harder time doing that myself. As I have moved through life however, there is one area where I can always see the goodness of God's plan for me and that is in the people he places to walk beside me.

The past years have not been easy ones, many trials have come, and it has often left me exhausted and downhearted. It can be hard to maintain relationships when you don't feel you have much to offer yourself, let alone another. People have dropped out of my life but instead of feeling sad, it has made me realize that those people that stayed beside me are a precious gift from God. I have true Christian friends who will cry with me on bad days and laugh with me on good ones, people who see my worth even when I don't and let me be the authentic me, without pretense, no matter what. Really, what greater gift could God have given me? This realization has allowed me to trust and grow in a true relationship with my God, even in the dark times.

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Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of true friendship, for letting me trust Your love by experiencing the love of other people.