

## Friday - March 6

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Psalms 46:1 (NIV)*

My journey of faith throughout my adult years has been a rocky one at times, full of bumps and detours. Looking back at those years, the single most important truth is this: God NEVER gives up on you. If there's just one thing that sticks with you after reading today's devotion, that should be it. Even when you feel that you're giving up on God, He will always be there, patiently and lovingly nudging you and rejoicing when you're ready to come back.

From the moment my daughter was born, every day seemed to bring more difficult news. Just as we would get used to the way things were going to be and start to adjust, we would get hit with another bomb. We needed "someone" to be angry with since there didn't seem to be any good answers to our questions, so we blamed God and began to distance ourselves from church and church friends. But God didn't pull away from us and looking back in time, there were so many times He nudged and cajoled and showed us He was still part of our lives, we just didn't see it at the time.

Strangely enough, it was another rough time in my life, when my husband and I divorced, that I started to feel and hear those nudges. I felt drawn to PUMC and started to attend sporadically and then regularly, loving the way Monica and I were welcomed in like old friends. And God's love, comfort and strength began to flow through me. Are times still tough? Are we still going through difficult times with Monica when answers don't seem to be there? Absolutely! There are times I still feel alone and frustrated and feel sorry for myself and sad for Monica. But I know God is there, I see Him in the love and support of family, friends and our church community, and I know He never gave up on me and I'll never give up on Him!

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**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for Your unending love for us, for sticking by us even when we are pushing You away, and rejoicing with us when we accept Your love and graciousness. Amen.