

Thursday - February 18

*Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.*

Psalm 62:5-6 (NIV)

The first few months of 2009 were very challenging and stressful for the Haigood family. My dear husband Harry was experiencing some health issues and he was in and out of the hospital numerous times and then transferred to a rehab facility to regain his strength. He was there for a few weeks when he was transported back to the hospital. His condition continued to deteriorate to the point that the decision was made for hospice care. That's where the real challenge began. The hospital wanted to move him to another facility. The family wanted to keep him in the hospital where he was receiving excellent care and because I knew he was well cared for I could sleep at night and start another day with him renewed and refreshed. His daughter and I visited several facilities in the area but none seemed right for Harry so his son and I began the arduous task of trying to keep him in the hospital. We were met with resistance from the administrative staff. We were in his room one morning discussing the situation when a young infectious disease doctor who had treated Harry came in and said he had heard the hospital wanted to move him. He asked me, "What do you want to do"? I said I wanted to keep him in the hospital and he said "Then you fight for that!" And so we did and were able to keep him there until he passed on July 2nd to go to his forever home.

Harry was a man of great faith but I knew he was counting on me to make the right decisions for him. I had prayed many times and had asked God for his help and his guidance. He was in control. He sent that wonderful doctor to us who gave us the hope we were looking for and for that I will be forever grateful.

Janet

Prayer: Dear Lord, I trust you with my life. And I know that if I seek you and ask you for your help your ears are always open to my pleas. No matter my circumstances, I know that you are always with me and will never leave me. Thank you for your steadfast love. Amen.