

Saturday - February 27

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

I received a gift for Christmas, something I would never buy for myself and honestly, something I was a little nervous about receiving. It was an amaryllis bulb that you plant and let grow. What a great gift, right? A burst of beauty and color during the long, gray winter. However, and here is the problem, I do not have a green thumb. In fact, pretty much any time I try to grow something, I manage to kill it. Not intentionally, of course, but mostly because I forget about it. I don't put it at the top of my list of important things, and therefore it gets left to take care of itself.

I am so glad that God doesn't put me at the bottom of his list! He doesn't leave me on my own to take care of myself. He is always right here with me, holding my hand and helping me, guiding me. There is such comfort and hope in that. Even when I veer off of his chosen path for me, He is right there waiting for me to figure it out and change course.

So, I planted my bulb and it has been living on my kitchen counter. Every day I watch it grow. I haven't forgotten about it. In fact, I look forward to seeing how it grows and changes each day. It started small, just a couple inches, but is now 23 inches and the flower is starting to open! The amount of joy I am receiving from this gift is not what I expected when I first opened the package. I am so thankful for this visual reminder of God's beauty and hope every day.

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Prayer: It is so comforting to know that you are always with me, holding my hand and taking care of me. Thank you for the visual images of beauty and hope that remind me of your love and care. Amen.