

Saturday - March 19

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

Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

The decisions we make each day have consequences that the Lord is aware of and is in control. An example is in the flow of activity involved after I fell and bashed my left temple, causing skin to be pulled apart and a volume of bleeding to occur almost immediately around my left eye. The YMCA staff was immediately responsive, supplying pads to try and stop the bleeding but recognizing also that this required immediate professional care. When asked if I preferred an ambulance or a family member, I asked for my daughter. On arrival, in just 10 minutes, she immediately said, "help me load him in the car and we'll get him to the emergency care unit."

On arrival we went to the overload space as they were very busy and had no open treatment rooms. One attendant showed up frequently to provide fresh pads that I would hold up against my wound. But were there any bone fragments? Thankfully the MRI machine operator was still there who was supposed to already be at home. No bone fragments but the doctor says he was concerned that the skin flaps had been open too long and may not regenerate if just sutured back. As he started working he quickly decided it was strong enough and changed to the plastic surgery needles and said it was time for fun. Jen, my daughter was surprised when the doctor asked her to put on sterile gloves as he needed someone to hold the skin position needed by each suture. The Lord helped her through each step and she only needed short sit downs with her head between her knees for just a few seconds. But she did not miss a step. I noticed the doctors attitude shifted stating "all this is going to be fine" and then offered very affirmative and complementary comments about the help that she was providing him and how well this was going. He indicated the need to visit a plastic surgeon who just happened to be his buddy. When we later called, we were pleased to already be expected and scheduled first the next day. That surgeon also was very pleased with the work already done.

In reviewing this chain of events, I am convinced that these occurrences are not by chance but were a result of divine intervention. I am impressed that each step was available exactly as needed not requiring any worry on my part as I noticed each contact would become quite interested and helpful as they started to work with us. These services were all provided by top notch individuals. I believe this confirms prayers and God's intervention in our lives if we pray and listen. And that may require continual requests for understanding of His direction. No more "Help me with today's exam." But daily asking for help with understanding His will in your life. Wow, how strange that you didn't know that HE KNOWS and is just waiting for YOU.

Dave

Prayer: Our creator, let us trust in You. Amen.