Monday - February 27

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

I am a worrier. It's not that I lack faith. Maybe I think that by worrying, I can let God know what's really important! It's not logical thinking, of course.

My family really saw God in a recent event. My elderly sister and brother-in-law made the difficult decision to leave their home of 60 years in Pennsylvania and move to an independent living apartment in Chicago, to be near their children and grandchildren.

I had my list of worries. How would they handle leaving a large home for a tiny apartment? Can they afford the monthly expenses on their moderate pension? Will their house sell in this relatively depressed area when it needs so many updates? Will they be happy there, away from their friends and church? My mind went on and on, even though I believed that it was the right thing to do.

When the time came for the move, I saw God in every detail. We packed up the house in record time and my husband had purchased exactly enough boxes! When we took them to the airport, there were no tears or looking back. They love the apartment! And the day their house was listed, they received a cash offer for the asking price before the For Sale sign even went up!

When I spoke to my sister on the phone after they settled in the apartment, her comment was, "God was really in this move." And that was so true for every step of the process. Sometimes I need a reminder that God always shows up!

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Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to look for You in all circumstances, and not stress about what is out of our control. Thank you for showing up in even our small daily struggles and taking our worries out of our hands. Amen.