

Friday - March 24

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)

Early in my faith journey, I remember many invitations to look for “God sightings” in my everyday life. I often identified beautiful sceneries, nature’s simplicities, and coincidental oddities as moments where I believe God may have been with me. Even though these moments still make great illustrations and examples, I have found in the growth of my faith that the even more regular, yet powerful, moments of God’s presence in my life have been within my interactions and relationships with other people.

While people often share that it takes a village to raise a child, Alyssa and I recently discovered for ourselves it also takes just as large of a village to simply bring a child into the world. As we have watched and marveled at Brody’s first several months in this world, I can’t help but look back on the number of people that were involved in his birth. There were at least nine nurses assigned to us over many shifts, but there were also the three anesthesiologists, several charge nurses, our doctor, and countless aides and other staff that made sure we had everything we (all three of us) needed.

God’s presence was with us at the hospital, in not just the meaningful interactions we had those trying to help us, but also the inconspicuous grace that was shown to us by people whose presence we barely recognized around us.

In what ways could God be using you to make His presence known to those you interact with every day?

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Prayer: Loving Father, You were present with our souls even before the earliest days of our lives began. In the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, it is very easy for us to become focused on our worldly needs and obsessions. Open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes so that we can see You and Your grace not only in moments of magnificent beauty, but also in the way we share this life with those around us. Let us see Your grace in the actions of others towards us and let us share Your grace in our actions towards others. Let Your love flow to and from us, so that the love of Christ and the flame of the Holy Spirit grows within our community and this world. All honor and glory be Yours. Amen.

