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It is an honor and a privilege to be able to share my testimony with you, or at least part of it anyway! Scriptures and phrases that we hear in church all the time are sometimes hard to put into practice; they seem to fall so easily from some peoples lips. I could have used some clear explanations for these: Just have faith! Just trust God! Live a God pleasing life! Just give your problems to God! God gives us peace that passes all understanding! Then there is Jesus saying: Give me your heavy burden and take on my burden which is light!

Eventually, God Himself gave me the revelation and understanding that He knew I would need a few months down the road! For 8 months I was inundated with teachings on “faith”. It did not matter if I listened to programs on Christian radio or television or listen to my pastor or a pastor at another church, they were all teaching on the subject on faith.

I thought it was for someone else’s benefit, it never really occurred to me that it was for my own benefit. God revealed this to me: “Faith” is like the talents He deposits in us: a gifted voice, playing various instruments, painting a portrait, writing a book, or being a gifted speaker. Through continued studying and practice they are developed to their highest potential! So, before we need to reach deep inside ourselves for a huge amount of faith during a crisis, we need to learn of God’s faithfulness to keep His Word and of His promises to us, so we will trust Him. I had the opportunity in those eight months to have my faith expanded.

Then early one morning I received a telephone call by which I was informed that my oldest son had been killed in a car accident. Here was my opportunity to trust God and respond in faith to the truths God had taught me for 8 months, or I could ignore what He taught me and respond like a person without hope. It is a heavy burden for a parent to lose a child, but the Holy Spirit brought to my mind the above mentioned quote by Jesus.

So in faith and trusting Jesus, I told the Father that I would gladly give Him my burden, because it surely was too heavy for me to carry! He was faithful to His Word and He kept His promise:

HE LIFTED THE BURDEN OFF MY SHOULDERS AND REPLACED IT WITH A PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING!! HE TOOK ME THROUGH MY TIME OF MOURNING IN 1 ½ DAYS!!!

My confidence is still in HIM and HIS PEACE has never left me! The Scriptures and phrases I had previously only heard, I have now experienced and they have become a way of life for me!! If you have trusted Him with your soul, He is worthy to be trusted to solve ALL your other problems!!!!