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DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Stories of Strength

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Hi my name is Sylvia Greenhood and I would like to share my testimony of how the Lord has worked in my life. I was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois in a very loving family but, it was not a Christian home where God was the center. I came to trust in Jesus as my personal Savior when I was a sophomore in high school at a Teen Conference in Detroit, MI. My friend had invited me and it was there that I realized what Christ had done for me on the cross and I needed to ask forgiveness of my sins! I had always “hoped” I was “good enough” to get to Heaven, but now I knew I would go to Heaven by trusting HIM as my Lord and Savior. I also remember a time in my life when I was about 8 years old that my gramma sent me down the street to a little Baptist street for their Vacation Bible School. I can remember distinctly



Sylvia and her husband, Bill (center) at the **6** STRONG 1 mile Walk/Fun Run last July.

my teacher taking me through the WORDLESS BOOK and I really feel in my heart that I accepted the Lord then and that He kept His hand on me till I was older to really understand what I had done! So, the Lord from that time on has felt so close to me and I have always known that I could go to HIM about anything.

After my husband and I met in Bible College we went into pastoral ministry for 40 years. We went through ups and downs in ministry and always lived away from our family in Illinois. In 1981 my mom, who was 54 was diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer. She lived only a month and a half and it was my first time for having someone so close to me die. I knew she was with the Lord though, because I witnessed to the rest of my family and they all came to trust in HIM as well. I wanted to make sure they would be in Heaven someday with me! Five months after my mom died my dad, who was 57, died from complications from gall bladder surgery. So, now I was faced with both parents gone and in such a short time. This is when I really saw the Lord work in my life and others. Through their funerals several people came to know the Lord and trust in HIM as their personal Savior. My parents would have been so thrilled!

The first verse I ever learned as a teenager was, John 10:10, I have come that they might have life and have an abundant life or life to the full!" Well, that verse has always meant so much to me. I remember feeling, "Wow, Lord, you mean I not only do I get eternal life, but I get an abundant life here on earth?!" And the Lord reassured me, "Yes, Sylvia, you do!" We have gone through a lot of difficult times, sad times, sometimes things we didn't always understand but through it all the Lord has been there for us. My life verse has been, Jeremiah 33:3, "Call on me and I will answer you, and I will show you great and mighty things that you can't even comprehend!" Wow! What a verse and I have always clung to it. That doesn't mean He will always answer things just how we want but HE is ALWAYS there for us and so many times it's bigger than we can ever imagine!

In 2008, our 3 year old granddaughter, Maggie, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer. It was devastating for our family. She went through 6 months of chemo, 2 stem cell transplants down at Riley hospital, and 2 weeks of nuclear-radiation done in Bloomington, IN. This is a very rare and serious cancer. Many children die from this disease. Today Maggie is a MIRACLE! We have many, many, stories where God stepped in and touched her little body and healed her. So many answers to prayer - too many to write! God has been our HEALER, PROVIDER, STRENGTH, POWER, ALMIGHTY COUNSELOR, AND ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY FATHER!

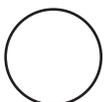
We can't praise Him enough for His goodness! I know He is going to continue to work in my life until my life on this earth is done and I see HIM face to face someday.

If you don't know HIM as your personal Savior I urge you to ask HIM to forgive you for your sins and trust HIM that He died on that cross for your sins. It's the most important decision you can make. Don't put it off...**do it now!**



THE WORDLESS BOOK & BRACELET

What do these colors mean?

-  **BLACK** - stands for the sin that separates us from God. (Romans 3:23)
-  **RED** - is for the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for us that cleanses us from all sin. (Romans 6:23; John 3:16)
-  **WHITE** - stands for when we accept Jesus our sins are made white as snow. (Isaiah 1:18)
-  **YELLOW OR GOLD** - we will someday walk the streets of gold in Heaven. (Revelation 21:21)
-  **GREEN** - represents our need to GROW in the Lord day by day. (II Peter 3:18; Isaiah 40:31)

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1 MILE WALK / FUN RUN & 5K

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH 2016

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For more info about this event visit our website:

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