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Psalm 16:8-11

This past summer my family endured a whale of an adventure (pun intended) that we can now look back on with thankfulness to celebrate God's faithfulness and hand of protection. One rainy and windy day in Boston, Massachusetts, my mom, my dad, my husband, Wayne, my three children and I embarked on a whale boat excursion. Seeing God's creation was amazing in itself but the unexpected happenings on the return boat ride taught all of us a lesson in trusting God's hand in whatever comes along your path. As we were being tossed around by the big waves, an extremely large one jolted the boat and sent most of us off our seats and hitting the deck. My dad, who has a high pain tolerance, hit his side and was in so much pain for the rest of the trip back to shore that the staff called an ambulance to meet us at the port. Over the next twenty-four hours, tests revealed that my father had ruptured a malignant cancerous tumor on his kidney that would need to be removed and biopsied immediately! Had he not fallen on the boat, that tumor would have gone unnoticed and spread dangerously. Five years later, he has no signs of cancer. Some days you go out on the boat of life thinking all is well, soon to be reminded that completely unexpected life changing events can occur on a moment's notice.

It is times like this that cause awareness of how little we have control of our next step... or fall! Only God knows His plan for us, and as Psalm 16:11 says, "He makes known to us the path of life." This was a huge answer to prayer for my family. Although God doesn't always answer prayer with an answer that we want in a miracle like the one He gave my family, we can remember His faithfulness in times such as this as we walk through any challenge. Our God is bigger than any obstacle in our path. Set the Lord always before you and He will see you through, no matter the outcome.

Dear Lord Jesus, I give You my life, my challenges and obstacles knowing that You have a path for me and will fill me with joy in Your presence. I thank You for hearing my prayers, for answering them according to Your will. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. In Jesus' Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

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