

Sharing my Story – Two Rooms

Good day to all. I pray all is well and everyone is taking care of the family and each other.

I was at home (Winston-Salem N.C.) for Mother's Day, spending quality time with my Mom. I was performing my usual tasks at Mom's house (i.e. maintenance, cleaning, errands, etc). What a privilege it is to have your mother, at her home instead of a nursing home. My mother always says "**Look at GOD**"!

As we (sister, brother-in-law, mom and I) sat down in the living room after eating a home cooked Mother's Day meal, Mom was telling her story. Yes, she is a great story teller. She was talking about how things were, when she was growing up. During a period, they lived in two rooms. It was the bedroom and kitchen. Please note-I didn't include a "bathroom"

Wow! Two rooms, that's it. How could I or you survive living in two rooms. It would be tough; however, they made it.

So, the conversation continues, and I asked Mom about the time, she gave her life to Christ. It was on/about 1964 (youngest sister – Lori was born), when she decided to give her life to Christ. It was the best decision of her adult life. My dad was second best thing. I could say, I was the third best decision of her life-being the only boy, but I might get a beat down from my sisters (6). ☺

Mom reflected on the two rooms and her home today (5 bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, basement, nice front and backyard) and she would say "Look at GOD"! Only GOD, allowed her to move from the projects, put a down payment of \$25.00 and move into her current home.

Side bar - we lived in the projects three times, and we were evicted once – I have to tell this story in another commentary, it is real and hilarious☺!

Fast forward: during worship on Sunday May 24, 2020, the chaplain referenced: Philippians 4:4-7, **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!**⁵ Let your **l**gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

He provided a statement for us to reflect/act on – **Prayer is a 2-way conversation and not a 1-way demonstration!**

So, let us continue to rejoice in the Lord, despite our current situation (attitude, life, world, finances, etc). Remember the Two Rooms and take to heart and mind in my Mom’s saying “**Look at GOD**”! Because, he will get you through.

Enjoy and GOD bless

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