

Sacred Stories

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Sacred Stories convey ways our mission is being lived out by the gifted people in our ministry. We invite you to use these stories for inspiration, as a meeting reflection, or to encourage discussion with your team.

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“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” – James 1:17 NIV

TEXT

For those who believe in God, there is a reason behind each incident in life. We may not get the message right away, but He lets us know in His own time.

I discovered this one day when I was tired, but still had a patient to visit. A nurse told me the patient I was planning to visit had already been discharged, but a strong feeling inside took me into that room anyway. I learned I had been led there.

In the room was a sweet lady in her eighties. She said she had been waiting for someone to talk to and pray with. We had a wonderful visit, during which I learned she had no family.

As I prepared to leave, I told her how God had led me to her and reminded her of His faithful love. I asked if there was anything else I could do for her. Her only wish was to see a little baby again.

I immediately called my husband and asked him to bring our daughters – one three years old, the other two months old – to the medical center. Within 20 minutes, he and the girls were there.

As we stepped into the room, tears of joy rolled down her cheeks. She held our newborn, and it was obvious that it meant the world to her. I thought about and prayed for her that night, and looked forward to seeing her the next day.

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During my dinner break the next day, I went to visit the lady again. Her nurse saw me approaching and thanked me for bringing my children to visit her. She said it was like heavenly joy to the patient. She also told me that during the night the lady died, very peacefully.

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That incident touched my heart and soul. I thanked God for letting me be part of the lady's life and joy in her final hours. God, for sure, loved her. I would not be there had He not led me.

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How have you used your gifts of passion and creativity to make the healing presence of God known?

QUESTIONS FOR
REFLECTION

When was the last time you demonstrated excellence by exceeding another's expectations?