# The Faith Script

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But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5

**Prayer Wall** 

#### A pharmacist for His Name's Sake...

Book titles in a Christian book store often seem to be all about "you": how to make you better, how to enable you to overcome, how you can be successful, and the list goes on and on. I am proud to be a member of a Christian organization like CPFI, because we know the Christian life is not about us. It is about the One who, for **His Name's sake**, saved us so that our lives might show Him to the world.

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I became a Christian after pharmacy school; therefore, I did not live in any way for "His Name's Sake" while in those college years. But in 1976 God changed my life by forgiving me and giving me a blood transfusion; that is, a transfusion with the holy, pure, and precious blood of His son Jesus for my sin-stained, polluted and worthless life. Now, this was great for me. Rather than being under the guilt and judgment of sin, I was declared not guilty and free. Wisdom was given through His word to assist with discerning between the bad, the good, and the best. Psalm 31:3 says, "For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me." After becoming a Christian, Heaven instead of Hell became my destination. In Psalm 25:11 we read, "For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great."

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All of this is wonderful for believers in Christ. Romans 1:5 says, "Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith." But then, why did God choose to save us? Why did He send His Son to die for rebellious and disobedient people? The answer is, again, "For His Name's sake." According to Ezekiel 20:44, "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings." And again in Psalm 106:8, "Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known."

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A pharmacist for **His Name's sake** will live with tension in his/her life, torn between wanting to serve like Martha and desiring to learn like Mary. Martha was softly rebuked for being too busy preparing food while the real Food was being fed by Jesus to those that would listen. By nature pharmacists are servants, and Christian pharmacists should have the right motive. The Christian pharmacist struggles to balance the great needs in time and energy that come with our career, but for **His Name's sake** he also desires us to give some of that time and energy to learning more of our Lord in quiet daily worship time.

A Pharmacist for **His Name's sake** will be intentional. By this I mean not just hoping that, by

chance, there will be an opportunity during the day to give witness of Christ's love, but actually praying that God would give that opportunity. Often in this past couple of years that I have been working as a clinical pharmacist I have prayed, and God gave me not only the

time but also the person that needed a witness. Taking time to offer to pray for a patient is rarely refused and may be the exact healing that God intended.

A pharmacist for **His Name's sake** will live a life of tension of wanting to advise something besides the medication he is about to dispense to the patient. God will provide the words, when we make our heart available and listen to His spirit within us.

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\*All Scripture referenced from the New King James Version

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