

# The Faith Script

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*I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world.  
John 16:33 NIV*

Prayer Wall

## Wait, What .... When Bad Things Happen?

I have had the opportunity on two occasions to hear Jennifer Sands speak at CPFI Annual Meetings. Each time I hear her speak, it sends chills down my spine to envision the pain she must have felt with the loss of her husband on that fateful day of the 9/11 terrorist attack on our country. So many lives were lost; so many people touched by this horrific event. I can only imagine how many people on that day were saying, "Why, God, Why?" I have a daughter who is a Clinical Psychologist, PhD, who primarily treats patients suffering from PTSD, and the majority of her patients are Vietnam Veterans. Her patients often share with her the traumatic events experienced in the war, which often includes graphic descriptions of women and children as victims of the ravages of war. She is deep in her faith, but often when we discuss her feelings, and she asks the question, "Why does God let these things happen to innocent children?" "Why, God, Why?" As a Vietnam Veteran myself, (combat medic), how many times I asked the same question, "Why, God, Why?"

The Bible tells us that God will give us victory over evil, "Someday evil will be cast into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41 (KJV) This doesn't mean, and God never says, that we will not experience bad things. But even when we do experience tragedy, we can know that God is with us, and He will give us strength to stand against evil. "Why, God Why?" will never be fully answered in this world. First Corinthians 13:12, says, "Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see things with perfect clarity..." (NLT)

How wonderful it is for me to know that I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and that one day I will have the answer to, "Why, God, Why?" In the meantime, I can see the reflection in Jennifer's face when she talks about how her belief in God has brought her through a horrible event, and I hear in my daughter's voice her questions, but I also hear her deep commitment to our God, God of all people, and how she understands that God does not cause evil, the devil does. I conclude my thought today by saying, "Thank you, Jennifer, for all you have done to help others work their way through tragic losses," and to my daughter, "Thank you for all you do every day to help my fellow soldiers-in-arms dig their way out of deep depression resulting from the ugly events of war," and finally I pray, "Thank you to our Father in Heaven who has brought me through many troubling events in my life." Amen.

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Upcoming Events

NSC 2016-2017  
Fall/Winter Newsletter

Forest, VA

### **A Message from the Immediate Past President**

What is the one thing that every Christian can do for a person or organization they care about? Could it be prayer? I find this idea another one of the Christian life's many paradoxes: what seems like an unhelpful or intangible thing is probably the most helpful and tangible thing you can do! Many Bible verses remind us to pray regularly and I have selected a few as reminders:

Romans 12:12 "Be...faithful in prayer."

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourself to prayer," (and then Paul reminded them) "... and pray for us too."

2 Corinthians 1:11a "as you help us by your prayers."

Recognizing both the importance and power of prayer, our President Jeff Copeland asked the Past-Presidents Committee to develop a program to pray for CPFI. As chair of that group I have developed a prayer for a different CPFI focus for each day of the week. Several have joined me in daily prayer for CPFI. I have found the structured approach helpful and so have those who have joined me. We are now interested in expanding this ministry. If you would like to join me in praying daily for CPFI contact me at [Fredeckel77@gmail.com](mailto:Fredeckel77@gmail.com). I will send you the prayer sheet and put you on a list-serve so I can keep you updated. Also this will allow me to send you the prayer sheet as I revise it.

Fred Eckel  
Immediate Past President.

## **Global Missions Health Conference**

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500 Pine Drive  
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