

The Faith Script

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*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35 (ESV)*

Prayer Wall

I just learned that my childhood best friend, Rebekah, is dying. The hospice doctors have said Rebekah only has a week to live. In fact, by the time you read this article, unless Jesus intervenes with a miracle, Rebekah will have passed away, leaving behind her two teenaged children.

Like most childhood best friend relationships, Rebekah and I were inseparable during our elementary and middle school years. We spent countless weekends together which always involved junk food and staying up late. Before cell phones were invented, Rebekah and I kept our landline phones busy talking to each other every night. Isn't it funny that all these years later, I still remember her phone number? Our friendship was special. I was so blessed to have Rebekah as my friend.

Do you know what else made my friendship with Rebekah special? Rebekah was the first school friend I had that I knew was a Christian. I can remember us staying up until 3 am talking the night away, and it seemed our thoughts about God always entered our conversation. We did not have all the answers to life's weightiest questions, but I knew she believed in Jesus and she knew I did too. Her faith encouraged my faith.

Like many childhood friendships, Rebekah and I began to drift apart in high school. She was gifted in drama and singing while I was busy with cheerleading and was discovering my love for science. We found new friends who shared our new interests, and with each passing year our connection with one another became less and less.

The news of Rebekah's deteriorating health has broken my heart. Although we lost touch so long ago, she has always had a special place in my heart. She has been such an important person in my life, and as I learned the news that her life was ending, I could not stop the tears from flowing. Rebekah was my best friend. She encouraged me to think deeply about the things of God. Rebekah's presence in my life helped strengthen my faith.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
~Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

I wonder if you had a special childhood friend you felt safe with to talk about the things of God. What ever happened to that special friend in your life? Maybe they have already passed away. Maybe you are still close with that friend even today, or maybe like me, over the years, you drifted apart. If it is possible, I encourage you to find that special friend. Invite them to lunch. Laugh and reminisce about your childhood. Tell them what they meant to you all

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those years ago. Don't wait until it is too late!

*So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12-17 (NASB)*

My heart is broken that my childhood best friend is losing her battle with liver cancer. I am so thankful for her presence in my life and the memories that we made. I know she loved Jesus, and I know I will see Rebekah again in heaven. I look forward to that day!

Grateful for you,
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2019 Global Missions Health Conference

November 7 to 9, 2019

Southeast Christian Church
920 Blakenbaker Parkway
Louisville, KY 40243

CPFI Fall Board Meeting: November 7, 8:30 AM, Rm ED 230/240 Main Bldg.

CPFI Meet & Greet: November 8, 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Rm ED 270

Speaker: Dr. Fred M. Eckel, CPFI Past President and Executive Director

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500 Pine Drive
Flatrock, North Carolina 28731

Student Retreat: June 3 to 7, 2020

Annual Conference : June 4 to 7, 2020

Theme: 'Faith Can Move Mountains' from Mark 11:23 and Matthew 17:20

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