

# Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

*Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ*

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## God Cares About You

Trish is worship minister at Calvary Outreach Church. This year she suffered much heartbreak in that her father, mother, and oldest brother all passed away with COVID-19 complications. I have been amazed at the grace of God upon her during this time. Just a few days ago she shared this testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness.

*"A week ago, my husband and I went to a Luby's cafeteria for dinner. We made it thru the line and had sat down to eat when I glanced up at the line and saw an elderly lady that reminded me so much of my momma. She was wearing a long skirt with a pretty pink matching shirt like my momma always wore. She also had beautiful gray hair and the droopy cheeks like my momma. Even her thin skin with multiple dark and bruised spots reminded me so much of momma.*

*I was immediately overwhelmed with grief and sadness. I ached with everything within me. I hurt so deeply like the initial feelings of grief I had faced months ago. I began to weep uncontrollably. I cried quietly but profusely. I could only stop briefly when I closed my eyes and took a few deep breaths. As soon as my eyes opened, I immediately began crying profusely again. I texted my family on a group text*

*explaining what was happening. I told them I was devastated and not sure I could bear this; I needed them to pray. I said I was desperate for comfort and needed a hug. I needed a hug from someone, anyone, a stranger.*

*I was still so broken that after the text I immediately prayed and asked God to send someone to give me a comforting hug. I thought possibly the waitress would give me a hug because she would be coming by periodically to check on us. She did come by, but quickly left when she saw how upset I was.*

*Then I saw the lady which reminded me so much of my mom stand up from her table. I immediately knew that God was sending her to me. She got closer and closer to my table. She came directly up to me and said, 'Honey, I have GOT to hug you. Is that alright? Can I give you a hug?' I said, 'Yes ma'am, please.' She hugged me tight and patted me on the back like a momma would. She kissed me on the forehead like a momma would. She told me she would cry with me and just held me for a long time while I released my grief and tears and was comforted.*

*Afterwards, as we began to speak, she said, 'Something just kept telling me that I had to come give you a hug. It just wouldn't leave me alone.' I replied, 'Let me tell you why.' I told her how I had lost both my mom and my dad earlier this year and how much she reminded me of my mother. I then shared with her how I was so upset and prayed, asking God to send someone to give me a*

*hug because I desperately needed comfort. She was the answer to my prayer.*

*As we conversed, she mentioned that she was facing a grave situation with her son Michael. She said he had been in and out of the hospital for over a year now. He was diagnosed with West Nile Virus and with Meningitis and the doctors had done everything they could for him. I asked her if I could pray for Michael right then. She said, 'Yes please.' We held hands and I thanked God for answering my prayer and asked him to heal Michael. I felt the presence of God and believe that he answered our prayer for Michael as well. Afterwards she went back to her table where she was sitting with her daughter. I'm guessing she shared the story with her because I overheard her say 'And she prayed for Michael'.*

*Afterwards, I felt such a peace and comfort. I would cry a little periodically, but it wasn't due to grief and sadness, it was because I was so amazed that God answered my prayer by sending the very lady that reminded me of my momma! I continued to thank God for his faithfulness. Not only did God meet my need, but I believe he also met her need as well. God is so good."*

What a blessed reminder this is to all of us, especially for those who have suffered loss, loneliness, or heartbreak. Our Father knows what we need, and He cares for you!