

A Good Report

I think that sometimes I'm overly optimistic and get my hopes up too much, but this is too good to keep to myself.

We've been seeing enough progress to be encouraged but were constantly reminded that we have so far to go. Well, a Physical Therapist came yesterday and our perspective on the future became even brighter.

He says that Elaine needs to build strength but that a major issue is balance. He was very positive and gave us some exercises, and instruction on posture and so forth. It was a real motivator. We're scheduled for two home visits a week for a while. She was already more independent than just a few days ago and this will help still more!

We chose to focus on how far she has come instead of how far she has to go. Your prayers for her healing in body, soul and spirit are making a difference. God is showing us actions that we need to take, and we are. It's probably true that we Christians often expect God to just zap us with his miraculous power to fix something, when it's a process that includes our confession and new ways of thinking about things.

I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.

PSALM 118.17 NKJV



Is it true that many of us guys see our wives as the caregivers, but that she deserves a role-reversal in her times of special need? It left an impression on me some 40-years when Mother commented that she was surprised at how unselfishly my Uncle Irvin, a dairy farmer, took care of Aunt Ruth in her mortal illness.

This thing of walking with God is a life-long journey. It's real. He is with us and for us and we are often our own greatest handicap. He wants to purify us through the events of life that we would reject if we had a choice, and He is so ready to counsel and correct us and lead us into new levels of intimacy with Him if we will only humble and quiet ourselves enough to listen.

Thanks for your ongoing love and prayers! May His blessing overtake you in your own journey!

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