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**The Word of the Lord...**

Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God'". Matthew 27:37-43

**...What is Trust?...**

This is an excerpt from Elisabeth Elliott's book The Music of His Promises; p. 9:

**What is Trust?**

To the unbeliever, the notion of "trust" in God is a challenge to Him to grant what one wants. When Jesus hung nailed to the cross, passersby hurled abuse at Him: "Come down. Save yourself!" The chief priests, lawyers and elders (learned, logical leaders) mocked Him: "King of Israel, indeed! Let Him come down now from the cross and then we will believe Him. Did He trust in God? Let God rescue Him." (Matt. 27:42-43).

Real trust yields utterly to the one trusted. All desire is turned over to that one, believing his ability to manage, control, and finally to accomplish what is best. When we pray, we should beware lest we line ourselves

up with the mockers of Jesus - "If You do such and such, then I will trust You!" We need to learn rather to let God rescue us in His own way. It may not be escape from suffering, but death - followed by so much more glorious a rescue - resurrection!

Lord, teach me this trust.

**...Critical Prayer in Crisis...**

This is the prayer we all hope never to have to pray - the one where we surrender ourselves to God unreservedly while accepting and trusting whatever he allows to befall us.

Please pray for my friend Lynn Wheeler. Lynn is a wonderful Christian woman and friend; beloved mom, grandma, wife; teacher, runner, and avid church member. Lynn and her husband Doug were on their way to church on Christmas Day in south Atlanta when a teenager, taking a curve too fast, plowed head on into the car in which Lynn was a passenger. She was between two car seats in the back seat with only a lap belt on. The impact resulted in a severe neck injury, and since Christmas morning, Lynn has been paralyzed from the neck down, on a respirator and with a feeding tube.

In the first few days she was alert and communicating to family and friends with her eyes and her smile, though unable to speak with tubes going down her throat. I have often thought since then, that if anyone could survive this sort of thing with a wonderful attitude and even continue to grow in her love for the Lord and for life, it would be Lynn. Yet, how unfair is that? Does that mean that those who are the strongest or most committed in heart get to have the worst trials in life?

No, it means that God is with us every step of the way. It means that God reveals

himself to us in these moments in such a real and profound way, that we cannot help ourselves as we look to Him in awe and amazement.

**Please continue to pray for Lynn and her family.** She cannot breathe without a respirator and has had a tracheotomy. She has been sedated for the last couple of weeks and was on a rotating bed until they could perform surgery to stabilize her neck just a day or so ago. She is currently coming off the pain meds and sedatives and should be transferred to the Shepherd Spinal Clinic here in Atlanta this week.

**Please pray for her** as the meds clear out of her body, that she would once again be alert and able to communicate with her family and friends; and please pray for her transfer to the Shepherd Spinal Clinic this week, that all will go well.

**Please pray for Doug,** her husband, who goes home to an empty house every night and is missing the presence and friendship of his life partner.

**Please pray for Julie, Susan, and Jeff,** as they are missing their mom and watching her go through such a trial. **Please pray also for their spouses and kids.**

Lynn and Doug Wheeler are members at Covenant Pres, PCA, in Fayetteville GA (just south of metro Atlanta). I believe updates on her condition are on the churches website.

### **...God Never Ceases to Amaze Me...**

God never ceases to amaze me - in spite of all the hard things we see and experience in this world. He never ceases to amaze me with his presence, his character, and his promises for his children.

### **...Support Report...**

I am at about 72% of my support pledges needed to return to Peru. Please continue to pray for God to bring it all in! I have been SO encouraged these past few months as people have responded to his call to support me financially and send me back. I am longing to go back now and really miss the people and being a part of God's work there.

### **...Creative Support...**

I'm also constantly amazed at the ways in which people think to give me support. ☺ One of my friends from church, a Certified Massage Therapist who owns her own business here in Atlanta, has offered to **give massages and other health services while donating a portion of the price to my ministry account!**

If anyone would like to participate in this offer (believe me, **I'M** headed over there for a massage!), here is the information: Her name is Joy Oliver, and she owns Trusted Hands Day Spa near Roswell Rd. and I-285. For massages, Reflexology, or Facials, which cost \$75/hour, she will donate 35% of that to my support account. For Cellular Renewal Therapies (*Infrared Heat treatment* or *Ion Cleanse Footbath*), which cost \$50 for half an hour, she will donate 50% to my support account.

You can find more information about their services and location on their website:

[www.trustedhandsdayspa.com](http://www.trustedhandsdayspa.com)

or you can call them at 404-252-4772. You will need to let them know that you want them to donate to Laura Deadwyler's missionary account at Mission to the World (they have that information).

God bless,

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