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Dear Friend,

Life is full of events that are unexpected and leave us feeling like someone pulled the rug out from under us. We experienced that recently. I had to call 911 for my wife to be taken to the emergency room. They placed her in intensive care with congestive heart failure and a lung infection. This was a complete surprise to both of us. She is now in a facility undergoing physical therapy. She only has 30% of total heart function. I became discouraged. Today I got up early to spend time in the Word and prayer. I would like to share with you how God met me in a very profound way as I was reading Psalm 9. The focus of verses 1 and 2 is on praise and worship.

Psalm 9:1 (ESV) "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."

First insight: I was to give thanks -- not feel thankful. God is sovereign; He is in control.

Second insight: To remember how God has worked in our lives in the past when we went through difficult times.

Psalm 9:2 "I will be glad and exult in you."

Third insight: As I reviewed the past, I saw how God was faithful and loving as He led us through difficult times.

"I will sing praise to Your name."

Fourth insight: I moved from focusing on myself and my emotions to focusing on a loving and caring God who will walk with us through this situation. God put a song in my heart. He is with me. I do not need to be afraid.

"O Most High"

I have been reading through the Names of God Bible so God put in my heart to read again the section that explains the meaning of "O Most High". I want to share with you what I read that so ministered to my heart. I was blessed.

President Dr. Jim Logan

God Most High

God is the highest in every realm of life. When you praise the Most High you are worshipping the one whose power; mercy, and sovereignty cannot be matched.

Thoughts on God Most High

"I sometimes wonder why so many of us including myself often exhibit so little robust faith. Maybe because our instinct is to depend on ourselves more than we depend on God. And maybe it's because we tend to place ourselves, rather than God, on the throne. If we are honest, we will admit that our prayers are more about asking than praising, more about God doing our will than us doing God's will. Hard times can cure us of such habits, teaching us that we are weak indeed. Whether we are experiencing life as difficult or easy right now, let us ask God for a fresh—revelation of who He is. Let us step down from thrones of our own making and bow before the Lord Most High, repenting of our tendency to make our needs, our desires, and our fears most high in our lives. Instead, let us pledge to serve the greatest of kings, El Elyon, the Most High God who loves us." (Taken from *The Names of God Bible*, Revell, 2011)

Prayer

Most High God, cure me of the insanity of depending on myself rather than depending on You. You alone are God Most High. Teach me the joy of ordering my life under Your sovereignty. Amen.

By the end of my quiet time God's Holy Spirit not only filled me with His peace, He also filled me with joy and put a song in my heart. My time with God didn't change our situation, but it changed me.

Marguerite and I have found God faithful during our sixty one years of marriage. He has brought so many friends into our lives. Thank you for standing with us. Some of you have stood with us during our fifty five years of ministry.

God's Blessings on You,

Jim and Marguerite Logan

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