



God Winks

In September 2020, I had a total knee replacement. During the August Gathering, I discovered that one of my Emmaus brothers, Rhett, was having hip surgery. It turned out he had the same doctor I did, Dr. McDermott, on the same day in the same hospital. What a surprise and something a friend of mine called a “God wink.”

On our surgery date, Rhett and I didn’t see each other, of course. The hospital rules for COVID allowed only one visitor to come to the hospital. Naturally, we picked our spouse. John and Rhett’s wife, MaryAnn, sat in the waiting area and spent time visiting and praying together. When I was wheeled up to my room, they were sitting together on a bench at the entrance to the floor, waiting. I was so glad John wasn’t alone. The COVID rules didn’t allow anyone else to be there with him, and yet, God brought John and MaryAnn someone to be with during those waiting hours. Another “God wink”.

The next morning, I saw Rhett walking in the hall. As he and his nurse passed by, he waved hello and said, if they would let him, he would come to visit me. He came back a couple hours later, and we had a nice conversation. As we were talking, the hospital case manager came in and spoke with both of us about discharge procedures. As Rhett and the case manager prepared to leave my room, Rhett said he would like to pray with me. The case manager walked over and drew the curtain closed. She said she didn’t want to be seen praying by other staff, but she wanted to join us in prayer. After Rhett prayed, she prayed as well. She gave God thanks that we lived in a place where we could. It was a very touching moment. I felt God with us.

My mother loved flowers and plants, but her favorite were Irises. She passed away in 2006; though, every spring she “waves” at me when the Iris begin to bloom in my yard. When we moved last summer, I took Iris bulbs with me; however, none bloomed when spring 2020 came. Two weeks after my surgery, I was able to go down the front steps and there was one of my Iris blooming! In all, it had 6 blossoms! God was winking again. God is among us!

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Scripture:

Genesis 17: 1-7

Exodus 3: 1-6

Exodus 13: 20-22

Deuteronomy 4: 35–40

John 14:16

Matthew 28:16-20

1 Peter 3:15