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A DING OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love." (Corrie Ten Boom)

GOD IS INVOLVED IN EACH PRAYER

I have the privilege of being a part of Chronic Joy's prayer team where I regularly pray through the requests people have shared in the Prayer Pond. As I pray, I press into God's arms of love on behalf of others I don't even know, trusting that with God all things are possible. I sense the prompting of the Holy Spirit as I pray, knowing He is involved in each life.

We can feel a bit vulnerable when we share a prayer request. I admire the people who are willing to step out in faith and ask others to join in their journey through prayer. Praying *for* others is such a blessing. Perhaps we find it easier to pray for others than to ask for prayer for ourselves – sharing a prayer request can feel risky. Do you find this to be true?

SHARING OUR BURDENS

Recently, I placed a prayer request in the Prayer Pond on behalf of my dad as he began dialysis after chronic kidney failure. Let me share what an encouragement it has been to be on the "other side" of this prayer ministry.

After you share your request, Chronic Joy has the option to allow notifications if someone prays for you.



I chose this option, and I can't tell you what a blessing it has been to hear a 'ding' on my phone and know that someone has lifted my dad in prayer. There have been times when I have been worrying about him and then received a notification that someone has just prayed.

What a beautiful way God uses His people to surround each other in love and prayer!

PRAYER

Father, thank you for Chronic Joy and their Prayer Pond ministry, where we can connect with other believers. Thank you for hearing our prayers and for the confidence we can have that nothing is too big or too small for you. Thank you for the encouragement we can be to each other through you. Prompt us to lift others before you today. In Jesus' name, amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Is God prompting you to ask others to pray for a certain area of your life?
2. Do you feel led to pray for others? Why not act on this prompt and check out the requests in the Prayer Pond today?
3. How have you seen God answer prayers recently in your life or the lives of others? Stop and thank Him for this.

AN INVITATION

You are invited to the Prayer Pond. I encourage you to take the risk to share a prayer request for yourself or on behalf of someone you love (with their permission, of course). Discover how the burden can be lessened when it is carried by others as well.

How about praying for the requests of others – lifting someone else before the Shepherd? Allow the Spirit to prompt you as you read the requests. As you click on the button, "I prayed for this," you are blessing someone you don't even know on the other side of technology.

Be blessed.

Be a blessing.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession,
and thanksgiving be made for all people.*

(1 Timothy 2:1)

