

'Here I am Lord'



Always God was there, I grew up in a home where my mother's love of God was reflected in our home, from my earliest memory 'God was there'. Perhaps it was all too easy, I attended Sunday School, with my mother went to both morning and evening services at our church, always I said prayers at bed time and when my mother died of a heart attack while I was kneeling in the next room saying my prayers before getting into bed, I was at peace knowing she had gone to be with the God she loved.

It was only as a teenager that I began to feel guilt that she had died as a result of the heart condition brought about through my birth. I felt I had to justify my life doing all the things I believe she would have done had she lived, always seeking to find her 'faith' her personal 'love affair' with God. Oh so busy looking, that I didn't see, so busy praying. that I didn't hear, I was so busy being a wife and a mother, and of course, 'getting it right' that I neglected the God I was so desperately trying to serve.

I was at the Confirmation of our youngest daughter Easter 1980 when I heard my mother calling my name, and on the Easter Sunday, I was on my own in the garden when I felt the closeness of the Saviour I had known all my life.

I have always loved the story of Samuel being called by the Lord and I know that at that time, I realised that I needed to get it 'right' with God.

Always I have been involved with the Church and I give thanks for the many opportunities of service I have been allowed. Being commissioned as an Evangelist seven years ago, has given me both authority and freedom in sharing my knowledge and love of God with others. To serve God is such joy, and my inadequate words and thoughts are so wonderfully expressed in the words of St. Thomas Aquina AD 1225 – 1274

"Give us, O Lord a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards, give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out, give us an upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also O Lord, our God understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

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