

*“Come, let us tell of the Lord’s greatness;
Let us exalt His name together.”
(Psalm 34:3)*

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Store up Life:

Our stories/testimonies remind us who God is & what He has already done. When we declare, share & celebrate our testimonies we’re storing up life in our souls to feed ourselves & those we meet!

Provision of Work:

Jez has been relying on IT contract work for a number of years, but in March his contract ended. – short term pieces of work. The local job market is very poor, so Jez & family embarked on a journey of faith. A couple of months ago, Nic felt God say that on 6th June He’d give Jez work! The faith journey continued. On that day, completely out of the blue, a company who Jez worked with 10yrs ago phoned him & offered him a month’s work without the need to go through an application or interview process! Thank you, Lord! God has a plan for all of us, right down to specific dates when things will happen.

Accelerated Breakthrough:

A while ago, Sophie’s name was placed on a 6-8wk waiting list to receive her hearing aids; but the family received a letter the other day with an appointment for this Tuesday! Thank you, Lord, for accelerated breakthrough. Also, 18 month old, Stephanie, who has asthma, hasn’t needed her inhaler for the past 3 weeks!

Travelling Mercies:

Dave was in the army a number of years ago, but hasn’t seen his old friends for a long time. He contacted a friend by phone & arranged to go down to Hampshire to visit them. When he went to the station to catch his train to London, he discovered that he had mixed up his dates & missed his train. A replacement ticket was ridiculously expensive. Dave is struggling with grief, following his mum’s recent death, & this ticket error upset him further. On the advice of a ticket seller at the station, he boarded the next train with the intention of speaking to the guard to explain this predicament, &, if possible, pay a reduced fare. Dave prayed earnestly for God’s intervention & favour in this situation. Having sought out the guard & explaining what had happened, the guard waived the fee completely! Thank you, Father, for your provision.

God of the Impossible:

Some time ago Ruth & Andy prayed for a lady who was unable to have children. This very morning Ruth & Andy attended the Christening of the lady’s baby! What an answer to prayer!

Pain-relief breakthrough:

John is thankful for Dr Fish! This treatment, where fish nibble the skin on John’s feet, is providing great pain relief for his condition.

Recently John tried, without success, to get time off work to help out at Heaton Festival. Unfortunately, he was turned down. However, John was available & willing to work some extra night

shifts to benefit his employers, & he insisted on being allowed the time off for the Festival. His boss relented & John was a great help in the Park & had lots of fun being involved on the day.

Sharing God's Love:

Andy's a committed member of the Healing on the Streets team, & he finds it a joy & privilege to look people in the eye & tell them how much Father God loves them. Not only does God love each one, but He knows their name. Before HOTS yesterday there was a word of knowledge – the name David. Later, a woman came for prayer & spoke about her son, who she hasn't had a relationship with for a long time; his name is David. When the pray-ers told her about the word of knowledge, the woman was very touched that the Lord knows & cares about her situation.

Miracle Baby:

Natasha & her husband moved into area for work at the beginning of the year. A few years ago she lost a baby in early pregnancy. They tried for a long time to conceive, had many tests, but had no success. It reached stage where they had arranged to go to a meeting to consider having IVF treatment. However, before the meeting they discovered that Natasha was pregnant. They have been blessed with a lovely little boy. Nothing is impossible to God!

Driving protection:

2 months ago, returning from Lancaster on the motorway, she had a terrifying experience. A car came towards her on the wrong carriageway. Patty pulled off the road, prayed for the errant driver, & phoned a friend who revealed that while she was at her lifegroup a lovely lady prayed protection for "everyone driving on motorways today". Thank you, Lord that you often answer our prayers even before we ask.

God of Restoration:

18 July will be Claire's sister's 2nd wedding anniversary. Despite her not being very open to things of the Lord, at the wedding Claire & her other sister had the privilege to speak over the newlyweds. God's promise on that day was that 'though the enemy seeks to steal, kill & destroy, God came to bring life to the full' (John 10:10). A year later Claire's sister's husband walked out of their marriage. As the weeks & months passed, Claire's sister would phone her regularly & talk about God! The Lord was moving mightily in her life in the midst of really tough times. Regardless of how stupid, illogical, impossible it appeared, the family clung to His promise to bring LIFE to their marriage. In the meantime, her husband has returned to their home & they're now working through their marriage!

Stepping out in faith:

Only a week after being baptised, James was meeting a non-Christian friend. He tried to share his faith, but has often struggled to find the right words; the Lord led him. God prompted him once to take a book with him, as someone would take it to read. Slightly dubious, he obeyed, & later that day he had the opportunity to offer it to someone on the street & she gladly took it.

Thanks for God's presence:

Rosaleen's daughter, Jennifer, is resitting an exam next week. Rosaleen gave thanks in advance for God's love & constant presence.

Neck/shoulder pain healed:

3-4 weeks ago, Mark woke with a very painful, stiff neck & shoulder. He put up with the pain for a couple of weeks, but while at a conference in London some more folks prayed for him, without much

improvement. Eventually, Mark decided to seek the help of a physio, who treated him, but said that there was no hope of Mark playing golf without pain. Following more prayer, Mark when on his golfing break with his mates & had a fantastic PAIN-FREE week. Praise You, Jehovah-Rapha!