

# Giving it over to God

*You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them,  
and you listen to their cry. Psalm 10:17*

Last week, we received this note from Beth in response to the weekly devotion Cindy wrote. It is a beautiful response so we wanted to share it with all of you, hoping you would find encouragement in whatever trials you are facing. (To read Cindy's original message, visit [www.hopeintheLord.org](http://www.hopeintheLord.org), click on "free resources," then "recent devotions." Finally, select "June 14 "An Urgent Message" Joel 2:12.")

*You have no idea how much this message meant to me today. My husband and I are facing losing our home to the flooding. And, of course, being the human being that I am, I'm trying to fix everything myself. I have been so stressed, worried, and hopeless. But this message today made me realize that I am not alone - God does indeed love me and care about me.*

*After reading your message, I sat here at my desk at work and asked for forgiveness for all my many sins. I thanked God for all the many blessings that he has given me - blessings that I have ignored - and I reached out to him for the joy, comfort and peace that only he can provide. I gave my life to him, again. I asked him to come into my heart - although I truly believe he has always been with me - and I placed my burdens on him.*

*I cried at how I immediately felt a weight lifted from my heart. I know that no matter what happens, he is in control and that all we have to do is believe and trust in him. Things may not work out the way WE as humans want it to, but I know that they will work out the way God wants it to for us - his children - who he loves so much. I don't deserve his love. I never will, but my, what a gift he gave us through Jesus and his perfect life. I want Jesus in my life. I want him to be in control of my life. I want to be in the light, not the darkness. I had to share. Thank you.*

I contacted Beth to ask permission to use her comments and ask if she preferred to remain anonymous. Her reply was again very touching and encouraging.

*I really don't like to draw attention to myself as far as using my name but, then again, I don't want God to think that I am ashamed or afraid to show people that I am a true believer. I have been witnessing to people a lot, lately. I went through my "mourning" period about the floods with the crying and anger and depression, but I did not once cry out to God "Why me??"*

*I mean my God is a loving, caring, and comforting God. He did not tell us that it was going to be easy living this mortal life. Things happen in our lives that we have no control over and as far as I'm concerned, that is when you realize how much our Father loves us and you cling to that with all your heart and soul.*

*Quite frankly, I had forgotten that - I have to be honest - your message smacked me right between the eyes the other day and oh what a peace came over me. I had not talked to my Father like that for a long time. I still have my moments, but I know everything will turn out the way my Father wants it to for us.*

*So, I am leaving it up to you as to whether you use my name or not. And God bless you.*

What a blessing this sweet woman has been to us at the ministry. I pray that the Lord uses her words to bless and encourage you also. We hope you all know that you are a great blessing to us here at the ministry. We believe God has called us to do this work, so we would do it no matter what, but you warm our hearts and give us great encouragement. Be blessed.

Love,  
Jennifer