

Katy 1st Ward Spiritual Message #42

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A MOTHER'S PRAYERS

When I was very young, I began to experience a feeling that took me a while to understand what it was. It was a spiritual feeling. A feeling that in a sense was like a guiding light or a shield and protection over me. As I grew older and started going out at night with friends as teen age boys do, I could often feel that feeling. It was especially present if we were being tempted to do things we were not supposed to do. Whenever I came home, no matter how late, my mother was always there waiting for me. Gradually I began to realize that that feeling was my mother praying for me. Once I realized that I asked her about it and she told me that whenever I was out, she would pray for me, especially if she felt I was in trouble or about to get into trouble. I can tell you that feeling guided me through many hard places that might otherwise have changed the course of my life had I done the things some of my friends did. But when I felt that feeling of my mother's prayers it helped me have the courage to do what I knew was right. That feeling was especially present while I was on my mission in Finland. Many times when I was very discouraged that feeling would come and bring me peace and I could tell she was praying for me. I am proud to say that much of what I am today is thanks to my beloved mother. Once I was married to Janice I realized she had that same power of prayer. I am absolutely certain that the reason I was not killed in Vietnam was because of the prayers of my mother, my wife, our family and close friends who prayed for my safe return. Many times I came very close to being killed but some way they knew I was in trouble and began to pray for me. I could feel those prayers very clearly. Through their prayers my life was spared several times. I will be ever grateful to my mother and to Janice for their prayers in my behalf as a guiding light in my life.

Brother Vail

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