

Titus Women

ALL OF ME FOR ALL OF JESUS

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

What Jesus Is Teaching Me

Essie Potter

This week, one of our readers, Essie Potter, shares what Jesus is teaching her through trials.

The Lord's timing is always perfect, even in afflictions.

Being a Registered Nurse, I've been able to figure out treatments for me and my family, when to get medical attention, and when to allow time for the illness to run its course.

I'm also the daughter of a physician who, in his very last days, was still trying to control his failing body's treatments and wrestling with the Lord, who desperately wanted him to be in glory with Him. (I'm trusting he is in the Lord's presence.)

In the last two years, the Lord has allowed me to see that the pattern of control that my earthly physician father had was becoming my pattern. The Lord in His sovereignty has allowed three very unique medical diagnoses to get my attention.

- I fell off my bike, landed on my hip, and eventually had my pelvic joint fused with screws.
- After noticing progressive hearing loss and dizziness, I was diagnosed with a rare left ear disorder where there is an opening in the bone that covers the inner ear.
- Then I received a diagnosis of a rare blood disorder where the bone marrow produces an excess of rare, larger platelets.

In my weakness, The Lord has skimmed away the dross of control, allowing me to fully surrender the care of my vessel to The Great Physician. He meets me through His Word, and Psalms like those below minister to my heart and strengthen my frame.

- *Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I obey your decrees.* Psalm 119:67
- *It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.* Psalm 119:71

- I know, LORD, that your laws are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Psalm 119:75

I remember hearing Linda Boyette recall what Dr. Kinlaw shared with her during a trying time. “If pain is not brought on by sin, the pain is God appointed. And if the pain is God appointed, the pain is God anointed. And if the pain is God appointed and God anointed, the end result will be God’s redeeming grace.”

People are watching as we walk through the pain of affliction. What a beautiful opportunity for us to be a testimony to God’s redeeming love and faithfulness, and for Him to be our strength in our weakness.

