

Is 2016 really over?

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (KJV)

Tribulation *noun*

1. Great affliction, trial, or distress;
2. An experience that tests one's endurance, patience, or faith.

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As we start a new year, we leave behind the tribulation of 2016. Or, do we?

The whole lymphoma, chemotherapy thing is continuing into this year. That may sound like a negative, but it's not. The year on the calendar changed...that's all. That's a good thing. If it had to stop on December 31, 2016, I wouldn't be able to continue the treatment for the cure into this year.

Of course there are things from 2016 that we would all like to forget. Hurtful words both received and delivered, the sorrow from losing a loved one, friends and family with health issues, dealing with financial or relationship issues, are all part of what we would like to have left in 2016. However, life doesn't work that way.

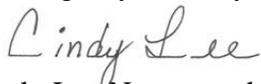
Sometimes when the hard times really hit, it's hard to see God in anything. Believe me, over these last 4 months, my faith has certainly waivered at times. Then I'd get a card in the mail from someone praying for me and know that, even when my faith wasn't strong, someone was intervening for me. That's what Christian brothers and sister do. They hold each other up. Grateful can't begin to describe how I feel toward my brothers and sisters in Christ who have been holding me up.

My "resolution" this year is to be a better sister in Christ: to hold up those who are having their own tribulations and wavering faith. I have a whole box of note cards. It only takes a few minutes to write a note, address the envelope and drop it in the mail. More importantly is prayer.

*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (KJV)*

Having said all of that, I am reaching out to you to let me know what your prayer and edification needs might be. If I set my mind on what other's need, in return, it gets my mind off of my own selfish needs. Don't think you are being a "bother". After all, everyone has a need of some sort.

Blessing to you always,



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