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# Reflections from the Sequoia Room

A Weekly Devotional  
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A MOTHER'S LOVE AND  
GOD'S STEADY HAND

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## **A Mother's Love and God's Steady Hand** A Scripture for Lent

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

### Reflection

Tomorrow is my son Joshua's picture day, but we didn't make arrangements for a haircut in advance. At the last minute, Joshua's mom decided to give him a haircut herself. It wasn't the ideal plan, but given the urgency, she took it upon herself to make sure he was ready.

What made this even more significant was that she recently had ACL surgery. Though she is still limping and has limited mobility, she pushed through the discomfort, determined to help Joshua look his best. That's a mother's heart-selfless, unwavering, and always putting her child first. Even in pain, she didn't hesitate.

However, as she was cutting his hair, she started to second-guess herself-wondering if the sides were even, if everything was aligned. Her uncertainty made Joshua anxious. He worried that his hair might be uneven or messed up for picture day. Tension rose, and eventually, he called me in because he wanted reassurance that everything was okay.

This moment made me reflect on how we often feel in life. We move forward, but at times, we question whether we are heading in the right direction. Even when we trust those guiding us-whether a parent, a mentor, or even God-doubt creeps in. We wonder: Am I balanced? Am I where I need to be?

Just as Joshua's mom carefully guided his haircut, pushing through her own limitations to make sure he was ready, God lovingly guides us through life's uncertainties. There are moments when we might feel lost, unsure if we are aligned with God's path. But we are never truly alone. Even if we stray, God keeps searching for us, keeps drawing us back.

After finishing the haircut, Joshua's mom wiped her forehead, exhausted but relieved. She had given it her all, and despite the effort and sweat, she was happy. That's the love of a parent-a love that mirrors God's love for us, one that gives, sacrifices, and keeps showing up, no matter the cost.

This Lent, as we reflect on our spiritual journey, let's put our trust in the One who never stops guiding us. No matter how uncertain we feel, God remains steady, shaping us, preparing us, and making sure we are ready for what's ahead.

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