

Reflections with Sharon

Everything will be all right

Read Proverbs 3:1-8

There will be moments in the lives of all of us when nothing seems logical; when ready answers elude us and commonsense reasoning just won't suffice. It's in moments like these that we need to be silent, just hush and be still and wait: Wait for the mist to clear, wait for the storm to subside, wait for our thoughts to settle, wait to see how things play out, wait to see what direction things take, wait to see where the chips fall, wait to see what God is up to.

I have found that talking is not always the best thing. But often times, feeling pressured to satisfy the curiosity of the nosey folk around us, who pester us with questions, we find ourselves talking where we have no real answers. Feeling compelled to explain things we don't understand, we find ourselves talking what we do not know, all the while putting on a veneer of confidence that belies our lost-ness, confusion, and personal bewilderment.

How often we believe we have all the answers to another person's difficulties until we are confronted with the same hardships and find ourselves searching and groping for answers! All of a sudden, we realize that the script reads differently to the one on the inside and until we're put to the test ourselves, we don't have a clue how we will react in a given situation.

When our vision is blurry and our way obscure; when trouble is suddenly thrust upon us; when the one we love is fighting for life; when we don't know what the morrow holds; when everything seems to be happening so fast it makes our heads spin; when we've reached the end of our rope and our strength fails; when we don't know what the next step is; when it seems that everything that could go wrong does, we discover that talk is cheap and too many are too eager to talk what they do not understand.

That's why we must know that it's okay to not have all the answers; it's okay to say we don't know; it's okay to not have an inkling as to what the next step will be. It's okay. Sometimes all we need is time to compose our thoughts, time to distance ourselves a bit from that situation, time to slow down long enough to see things objectively, time to take a deep breath and assess things, time to relax.

Sometimes it's only after we've turned things over in our minds that we're able to see the situation clearly. Then we discover that not everything is for talking; some things are not to be shared; some things are for us alone; and some things could be spoken, but not just yet.

Sometimes our only certainty is that God is in control and He holds all our tomorrows in His hands. And even when we may not be able to understand what He's doing, we know we can trust Him. In fact, sooner or later, we all discover that we have no other option but to trust Him. But that's all right because, when He is our trust, no matter the outcome, we know that everything will be all right.