

GOD JUMPED OUT OF THE BOX

'God jumped out of the box I was trying to put Him in this week'. I was just about to close the lid when out He jumped. It scared me and I ran from Him. Then He began to coax me nearer and nearer until finally I stood trembling before Him.

He began to explain to me about boxes. He knew how much I liked them but said that He would never fit in a box. Then He took my old box and piece-by-piece He dismantled it and cast it aside.

"Now", He said, "look around as far as you can see. Would you really rather have a God you can put in a box, or would you have Me as big as all this?" I looked around at the huge expanse and was frightened: 'Oh, God, You're too big! I made boxes for You so I'll have something I can see and hold onto'".

"Instead of you trying to find and define Me", He said, "Why don't you let Me find and define you? I'll come down and live with you in your box. We'll be together and you won't have to worry about finding Me. How will that be?" I said that was fine but asked Him how I would know He was in my box with me. He said that we should set up a meeting place inside, in a good central location, like in the region of my heart.

'When should we meet?' I asked

"Let's meet often, beginning early each day, He said, "why don't I just take control of the heart region", then I can handle the whole operation of your box. We can get acquainted and have a good time together".

'This is such good news, Lord, but shouldn't I tell others You're living here? I want to share this with everyone!'

"There will be plenty of opportunities for telling if you take time to know Me, people will see My light in the windows of your box and draw near. Then you can bring them inside your heart and introduce us"

"This sounds so simple", I said. "I am simple, so big and yet so simple", He said, "that I am called the 'I AM'. JESUS is My getting-acquainted name, but now that we're going to be living together in such close quarters, why don't you just call me FATHER" Joan Wilson

*'God's love is meteoric, His loyalty astronomic,
His purposes titanic, His verdicts oceanic.
Yet in His largeness nothing gets lost;
Not a man, not a mouse, slips through the cracks.
How exquisite your love, O God'*

Psalm 36: 5-7 (the message)

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Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.

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God is here – let's celebrate!

Let us enlist our lives in perpetual celebration

Over God's goodness and greatness.

Let us announce to the world God's presence

And proclaim His loving concern for all people.

How compassionate He is over all He has created,
How tender toward His failure-fraught creatures.

He will not cop out on His promises to us.
His blessings are not reserved only for those
Who fit obediently into His design for them.

He is just - and He is forgiving

He gently picks up those who have fallen and
Restores them to sonship and servanthood.
He sustains those who are wavering in weakness
And grants them His grace and strength.
He reaches into the void of empty lives
And enriches and fulfils their hungry hearts.

How incomparably glorious is our great God!

*May our mouths articulate and our lives demonstrate
His ever-present love for all His creatures.*

Let us celebrate the eternal mercy and goodness of our God.

Psalm 145 (selected verses from 'Psalms now')

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

MIKE TYLER sadly passed away last Tues. Our prayers of loving support are with Val, Mark, Jenny & family. May they be aware of God's love in their grief.

NORMA MILLER has not been well with bronchitis and heart failure. She is feeling much better. Pray continued strength and healing.

CARNESON FAMILY Granddad Doh was hit by a trolley in the supermarket, his arm was cut & he passed out. On another occasion his wife blacked out in a supermarket as a result of a blood clot to brain. Pray comfort & healing for Reef's grandparents.

ETHNE GRAY (Grace Grant's sister) suffering from fibrillation of the heart, shock treatment does not seem to have worked. Pray wisdom for docs, healing for Ethne.

GILBERT (Dolphine's husband) is still not well after contracting pneumonia and then later suffering a stroke. Pray healing for Gilbert, peace & strength for Dolphine.

BRADLEY MANSON (late 30's) is suffering with a kidney disease & will undergo surgery whereby one kidney will be removed in preparation for a donor kidney. Bradley has dialysis 3 times a week. Please pray for this situation & for healing.

MARINA VAN DE RUIT having chemo which is to be followed with radiation. We pray God's touch of healing & love on Marina who is really battling at the moment.

PAT BLACK'S FAMILY were held up at gun point this past week. Vivian is very pregnant & battling to keep the baby, Andrew her husband was badly beaten & the 2 girls were traumatized. We pray for God's touch of healing and peace on the family and pray, too for Pat's husband who is critically ill in Serenity.

RON (Mark Senyard's dad) diagnosed with cancer, further tests are being carried out to confirm if it is cancer of the liver. Pray healing & peace for Ron & family.

AMANDA & KEITH FALLICK (Shannon's parents) were attacked in their home 10 days ago. Keith was badly beaten about the head both were traumatized. They are now staying with Shannon to aid recovery. Pray peace into the lives of all the family.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

PAT MOSTERT suffering with an erratic, fast heart rate & has been diagnosed with 2 leaking heart valves which are being treated with medication. We pray for healing.

MAUREEN REES is not doing well after her fall, she has a massive lump on her head, her knee is badly damaged and she still has a lot of bruising. We pray for her.

CINDY SAUNDERS (38) diagnosed with breast cancer, Cindy has 2 children under 3 years old. We pray for her & her husband John at this rough time.

VENNIE SPEARS is very weak after her op & recovering at home, we pray for her.

MARTIN VD MERWE (Karin Blackburn's dad) we praise God for healing that has taken place & continue to pray for total healing for him & peace for his family.

JOHN & ESTELLA VAN LOGGERENBERG John has lost a lot of weight and has undergone various tests. **Estella** has bone cancer & is on morphine every 4 hours for the pain. Pray God's healing hand & His peace on them both.

YOUTH PASTOR we continue to pray that the Lord will give the interviewing team wisdom & insight and that the right person is chosen for this important post.

ELWYN DYER is still in hospital recovering from his hip op. He is receiving physio and will be allowed to go home when he becomes mobile.

ELIZABETH INNES is now home being looked after by a full time caregiver. We pray that she will be conscious of the hand of God on her bringing healing & peace.

JOY VD KLIS tumour markers are both up and doc has increased dosage of meds. Joy & Willem are going to the coast for 2 weeks. Joy thanks her Lord for healing that has taken place & thanks her friends for their love. We hold them up to our Lord.

CANCER LIST: *Gordon Bennett, David Edwards, Anton Marais* (Sydney), *Lee Barnes, Nola Dodds, Tracy Hoy* (UK), *Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren (18), Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Martin vd Merwe* (Karin Blackburn's dad), *Joy vd Klis, Jean Clarence, Rebecca Owens* (bone marrow transplant), *Daniela Andrade (7), Estelle, Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Verna, David Edwards* (UK), *Elma, Doh Carneson, Louise Shaw* (Texas), *Brian K, John Sandison, Nic Breytenbach* (MSD Leukemia).

CHRONIC LIST: *Denese Pieterse* (back problems), *Dave* (Guillain Barre Syndrome), *Emmanuel Thavhiwa* (difficult times), *Elaine Vermaak* (osteoporosis), *Rolene* (cellulitis), *Craig Hart* (sleep apnea), *Moira Smith* (hiatus hernia), *Brian & Eva Humphreys* (Eva's recovery), *Maureen Dewberry* (heart problems), *Alison* (spinal problems), *Illia & Graham* (UK), *Rodney* (very weak), *Diana Viljoen's Mom* (stroke), *Harold* (very tired), *Mike & Helen Urban* (ill health), *Mushe Roos* (brain surgery), *Colleen Hunter* (brain op), *Christiaan Vermeulen* (heart surgery), *Deon* (facial surgery), *Nora Swart* (colon surgery), *Susanne* (stroke), *Fiona* (broken foot), *Mavis* (Hip op) & *Ron Edmunds, Duncan Edwards* (rare disease), *Ellmine Caroline* (frail), *Moira* (heart), *Noelle Marshall* (leukemia & eye problems), *Louise Combrink* (nervous breakdown), *Shirley Williams* (chronic), *Sue Edwards* (slipped disc), *Jenny Dembovsky* (needs employment), *Rolene, Heather Seymour* (emphysema), *Nic Swart* (stroke).



Come, be with me, Eternal Home, as I search for the road that will lead me more deeply into your heart. Take me by the hand and be the radiant Companion whose presence is enough to give my heart hope and vision. When I feel lost and forlorn, draw me to yourself. As I search for the unnamed pieces of my life, lead me home, lead me home.

Joyce Rupp