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Babe,

You write the nicest letters. I really enjoy reading them - I bet I read them 10 times over when I get them. They really remind me of you. I can just picture your expressions that would go along with what you write. It's so you, Babe. I almost cried when I got a piece of popcorn with your last letter. That's something that only my Hen would do - and you are my Hen. Thank you so much for the encouragement & blessing you are. I find much hope & assurance in your letters.

Ready for the big news? - my dad fractured his foot in 4 places (I think from what he said - 4 metatarsals). A monument fell on his foot (~800lbs) he has a cast on for 6 weeks up to his knee and he's on crutches. He gets around pretty good. He doesn't complain, but I'm sure it hurts him - and you know him - he doesn't take anything for pain. That happened yesterday morning.

Yesterday - work was crazy busy. There's so much pressure on us for Sat. especially when we're so busy. We had 40 pts yesterday meaning that we each had 20 pts - what a zoo. I feel bad for the patients cause they don't get treated the right number of times but what can I do? I got a call from Dr Sher about not getting his patient done QID. It's crazy - he really yelled - I told him we only had 2 people on and

nobody gets treated the right number of times. That day sure was a challenge!

Today after church I went up to the shop and watered the trees that were transplanted. Daddy had had his driveway expanded and trees needed to be moved. We haven't had rain for awhile. Today must have been about 70° - real nice day.

I felt extremely frustrated - so I ran - hard - from my house to yours + back nonstop. I didn't go in your house cause I didn't really have time to talk. Somethin' about Allen Street's sidewalk makes me feel like flyin' down the street - my pace sure seems to pick up there (love that street!)

I watched 'The Sting' just now. That was a great movie. Funny thing - I know I saw it before (with you) but I just didn't remember it. (Remember Will Rodgers?) It was more enjoyable the first time I saw it. Hea, I enjoy you!

Thanks for sending me the design of your room. I can picture it good - bet it looks great. No wonder, people were impressed with your room. That's a real creative idea, babe -

Tonight I learned something real special. I was reading Psalm 46 and lately I've been really praying to God that my attitude would be changed - that I could be more loving + kind to

others. I always want to be controlled by the Holy Spirit - but I get so frustrated with myself cause I ~~come on + take control~~ so many times + I fail. I'm always trying. Today I came across this verse in Psalm 46: 10

'Cease striving and know that I am God'
He's God! - who am I not to trust him to control me? I don't have to keep trying to be holy - He will work in me and fill me that I can be like Him. That's such a restful, peaceful state and here I was being frustrated - which is anything but peaceful. As long as I'm trying myself I can expect to fail, but I can have victory with Him. Babe, I just needed to share that with you. The word is making more sense + becoming more real for me everyday. Thanks for praying for me. I sure can't tell you love me.

God is our refuge and strength

A very present help in trouble

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea. Though its waters roar and foam though the mountains quake at its swelling pride' Psalm 46: 1-2

Valerie

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