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*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.
He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?
It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect.
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.*

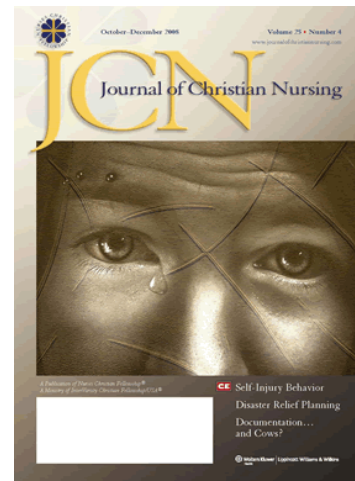
Psalm 18:32, NIV

Dear friends,

Wow! What powerful verses to remind us God is *the One*. He is vastly capable and will do what he wants through us, as he enables us. These are great verses for me to reflect on as I enter the fall and a busy season of work.

Here are some exciting ministry updates:

- **WSU:** The Nurses Christian Fellowship group at Wichita State began meeting Sept 8. When asked what they would like to do at meetings this semester, students said they wanted to know *a lot* more about spiritual care—how to, when, what to say, can you share faith, etc. So we started a series “Unraveling the Mysteries if Spiritual Care.” Eight students came Sept 22 (3 new!) along with 3 faculty members. Several students opened up about deep needs in their lives and we prayed together for them. It was a *great* meeting.
- **JCN:** The October-December 2008 issue of *Journal of Christian Nursing* mailed September 19. The continuing education feature is about self-injury behavior and how nurses can help. Pray that God uses this issue for his Kingdom.
- **Next Issue:** We just turned in manuscripts for the Jan-March 2009 issue of *JCN*. Once again, God brought together a fantastic issue with articles on spiritual beliefs and end-of-life care, help for nurse educators, healthcare missions, and more.
- **Divine appointments:** In recent years we have not had funds to attend or exhibit at area state nurses association or student conventions. To my *huge surprise*, a few weeks ago I received a request to speak Oct. 16 at the Kansas Assoc. of Nursing Students convention for NCF. This week I learned Oklahoma Nurses Assoc. has included NCF on their schedule for a breakfast. Wow! God is making divine appointments for his work among nurses.
- **New publisher at LWW:** In July I learned we would be working with a new publisher at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. We met Terry by phone in August and are off and running. He is energetic, creative, and enthusiastic about *JCN*, and is working to help us continue growing with LWW. Terry is promoting my inclusion in some exciting projects at LWW, which provide opportunity for *JCN* and to be an ambassador for Christ.
- **God is my Provider:** Although I still need to raise \$1500 more a month in support (\$3000 total), donations to InterVarsity on my behalf are up 25%. God is good!





- *Speaking Opportunities:* I will be the speaker at an NCF conference in Detroit, MI October 11 on “Christian Nursing in Today’s World.” Speaking at conferences offers an exciting opportunity to get to know nurses around the country and share good news about Christ and NCF.
- *Good Shepherd:* God continues to provide grace to work as a staff nurse at Good Shepherd hospital, teaching me so much. I see him moving and learn about his heart for nursing the poor and sick, and how he can use willing nurses who seek his face and are open to what he is doing.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and partnership. If you would like to begin giving to this ministry or increase your giving, you can use the enclosed envelope or go online to <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.html> and donate online or learn more about giving. Please make sure my name is designated as the IVCF staff member for your gift.

Do let me know how I can pray for you.

Onward!

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Prayer Requests:

- For me to be obedient in quiet time, bible study, parenting, ministry, and fund raising.
- That I would hear God as I prepare to speak in Detroit, MI, at the Kansas nursing student convention, and at the Oklahoma Nurses Assoc convention.
- That we would be God’s witnesses to our partners at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
- For God to stir the hearts of the people he wants to give financially to IVCF, to reach 100% of needed personal ministry support.

Schedule:

- September 8, 22 – WSU NCF group
- September 25 – Manuscripts due to LWW for Jan/Mar issue of *JCN*
- October 6 – WSU NCF group
- October 11 – teach *Christian Nursing in Today’s World* in Detroit, MI
- October 12-14 – meeting in Ohio with new NCF CE director, Fran McHolm
- October 16 – speak at Kansas Association of Nursing Students convention, Wichita
- October 20-22 – meeting in Philadelphia with LWW publisher and production staff
- October 31 – NCF breakfast / presentation at Oklahoma Nurses Association convention, Tulsa
- November 7 – Late Departments due to LWW for Jan/Mar 09 *JCN*
- November 20-22 – Attend Nursing Organizations Alliance meeting w/ NCF Director, Pat Emery
- Ongoing – Plan *JCN* (themes, contact authors, recruit manuscripts)