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I love you, O LORD, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. Psalm 18:1 & 2

Alongside this psalm I have "7/15/00." Looking back, I remembered that this particular date is significant because it marked the beginning of the reconciliation of a very difficult relationship. I recall how nervous I was at that initial meeting after years of separation. I also remember God's peace penetrating my fearfulness.

When that relationship was severed, in my head I really wanted to throw a party and be done with it. But my heart knew that I needed to stay open and pray for the day when we could start to rebuild what was completely ruined. It wasn't easy. Suddenly, all the angst and worry were gone. I was no longer concerned with condemnation and hurtful remarks. I didn't need to scheme to protect my family. But the consequence was that we were not a whole family. The parts that were missing were important and their absence was greatly felt.

God is good. He used that time apart to heal my hurt and grow my love and compassion. He showed me my part in the chaos and helped me to really repent. He helped me understand good boundaries and how to lovingly build relational fences to allow healthy relationships.

I would love to say all is kittens and rainbows. Reality is I screw up. I let jealousy and impatience pollute the relationship. I have unmet expectations. Most of all, I don't always show Christ.

God calls us to mission in our neighborhoods and family. He also knows we're human. We're given the impossible task that only Christ was able to accomplish. But God in His mercy is able to use our screw ups to demonstrate forgiveness as well as the times we get it right. Be brave. God is your rock and fortress. Ground yourself in Him, He's got you covered.

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

The Gamers first meeting—this Sunday 12:30—2:00. 3rd—5th grades. Bring your favorite video game to play and old ones to swap. Meet down in Matt's Place for games and lunch. Contact Andrew Thompson at 741-7162 to RSVP.

Trunk or Treat—October 30, 3:00—5:00 Games, trick or treating, costumes, all in the safe environment of St. Matthew's. To help out or for more information, call Bethany Piersol at 526-3698.

Nursery Help is still needed. We have some holes this fall. If you are willing to pull an extra duty, please call Jill Rich at 288-1911 to volunteer.

Don't forget—the volunteer schedules are now on the website, stmatthewsrichmond.org. The password is rockycat.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
October 3	Lynda Jenkins	Katie Musick	Wynn Burr
	Nancy Knight	Katheryn Bowles	Blake Burr
10	Betty Helms	Megan Lloyd	Leslie Harris
	Carol Grainger	Chris Lloyd	Martin Harris
17	Pam Roach	January Britt	Linda Wilson
	Lynda Jenkins	Jeff Britt	Wendell Wilson
24	Holly Curell	Katheryn Bowles	Stacy Relyea
	Ken Curell	???	Bob Relyea
31	Svenja Lessman	Heather Creswick	Wynn Burr
	Ann Harper Pittman	Tom Veech	Blake Burr