

Life after husband's sudden death

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I was brought up by parents who were regular church goers. I went to church, but had not made a personal decision to follow Jesus.

When I was 18, I went away to do my nurse training. At this time in my life **I didn't feel the need for God**. I completed my training during which I had met my husband to be. We got married had two daughters and when they were approximately 4 and 6, I felt they should go to Sunday school. After a while I was invited to a church by my brother. This was very different in that I had never heard guitars being played in church but there was a lovely atmosphere there.

I then looked up this kind of church in the town I lived in. **The people here had such care and love** and I knew it was from their faith in Jesus.

Within a few months I had taken a personal decision to follow Christ and learnt that prayer and bible reading was a part of normal life and it gave me a purpose in my life and was a great support and help to me.



However, on November the 15th 1984 I and my husband both went to work, and late morning I was called to the office where there was a policeman and a policewoman. They had come to tell me that my husband had died at work suddenly. This transpired to be a massive heart attack.

My girls were 16 and 18 years old at this time. **I was devastated**. Not only had I lost my husband, but I had to support our two girls who were doing O levels and A levels. I also had to deal with the practicalities of finances, car and the petrol lawn mower!!

How was God in this?

I did express my anger to God, **I shouted at God**, but he showed me that when his son went to the cross he knew what separation was like and the comfort I received was God showing his love for me in this desperate situation. The friends in the church were all there to help me in practical ways even down to helping me buy a reliable car. My family were very supportive and phoned me regularly.

Through this awful situation I learnt that whatever life throws at me, **with God I will get through**. I know I can trust God with all that's going on in my life. He is my friend and guide.

He is my security and I can trust him for his promise of eternal life.