

My Faith Story

I am Sevenia and am sharing my Story about the Goodness of God.

The words of a recent song came to my mind when I agreed to write my faith story. The words are: *“All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the **Goodness of God.**”*

As a young person, my family and I attended church. The gospel was always in the forefront and I understood faith, redemption and so on. I believed in God and Jesus.

In my teen years I went to a Christian Endeavor camp in the Poconos, Camp Dent. It was there that I understood that I needed a personal experience with and have faith in Christ. Though it was many years ago, I remember part of the group stood on one side of the lake and another part on the other side (*I think it was boys vs girls*) and we sang *“For you I am praying, I’m praying for you”* in a call-and-response pattern. It was so moving. My encounter with the Lord at that time was so very real.

But then challenges came into my life and I became a single parent. Despite the challenges, I became a parent of the most wonderful daughter one can imagine. I had found true love. As with Joseph in the Old Testament, God took a difficult situation and **turned it into Good**. Praise Him.

As a result, my life has been full and blessed with my daughter, her family and my grandchildren and their great spouses. I am also blessed with my niece who is like my own child as well.

In 2008, I retired from my job and sought to do things I had not had a chance to do while employed. One of those things was getting in touch with Jan Dunkling (*Exerettes*) and that led me to several activities at FUMC. Here I have participated in several small groups and have made wonderful friends.

So, as I started this short message with the Goodness of God, I end with this: *“**Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God, my Father----** All I have needed, Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.”*