

Today's Thankful Thursday post comes to you courtesy of my good friend Liana:

"The Lord has always been a very big part of my life and I could not have made it through this first week of my husband's passing without His love and strength. I was able to be strong for the boys, my family, my friends. I was able to give my husband's eulogy without cracking even though I was shaking inside. I have been asking the Lord and Larry for a sign that he was okay and why he had to leave the boys and I so soon. In my core, I believe God talks to us through others. The Lord sent me a message from Larry. He said he was at peace, it was his time to go, he loved the boys and I very much! I have been praying for this and the Lord has answered my prayers! Thank you Lord! Words are not enough when the heart feels so much! Thank you Lord for carrying me. My 4 yr. old nephew told me: He is in heaven and in your heart!"
– Liana.

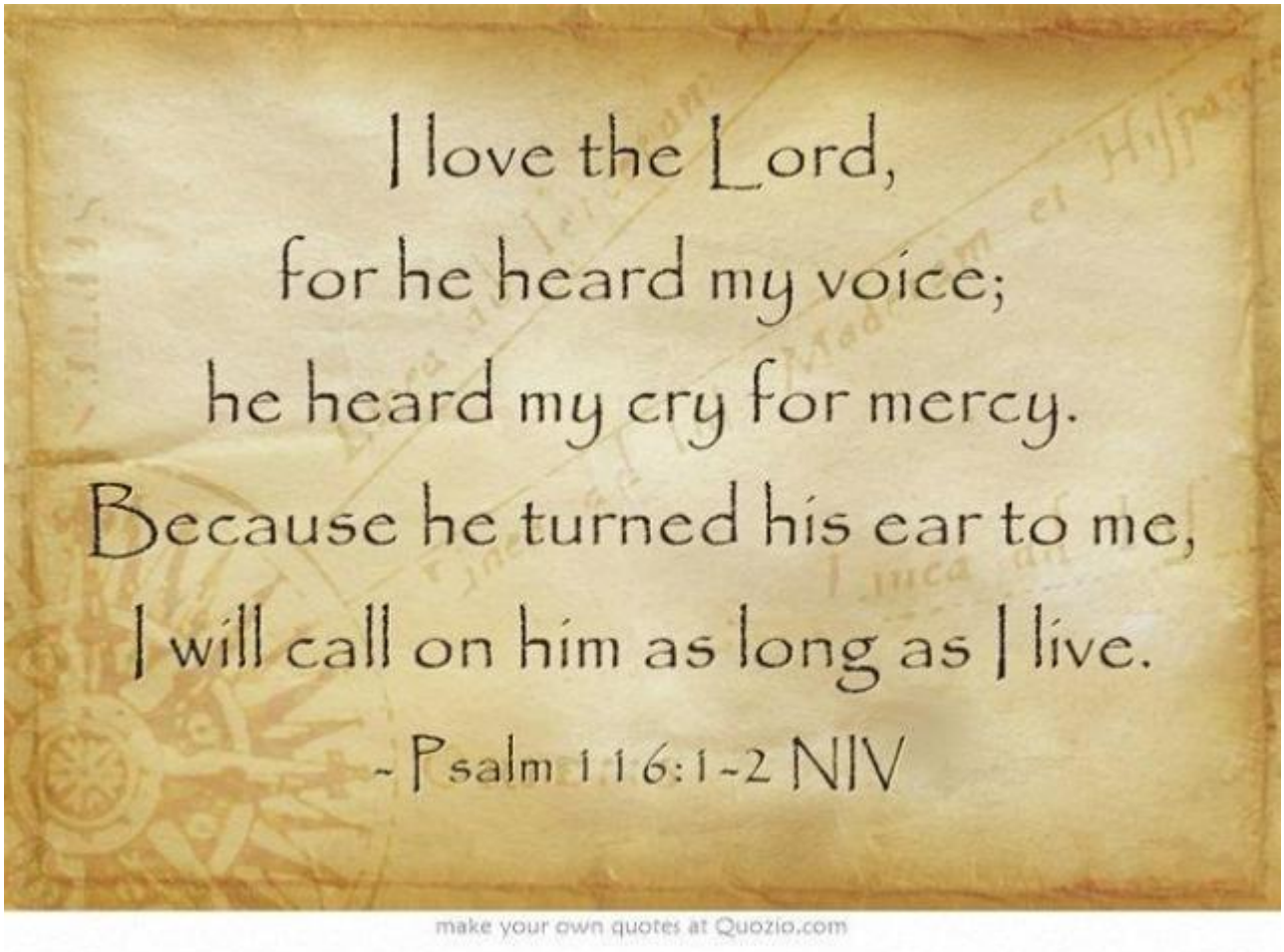
Liana, we are thankful for you. For your courage, strength, and friendship.

Friends, what are you thankful for today?

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
*–Psalms 116:1-2*

"People break down into two groups. When they experience something lucky, group number one sees it as more than luck, more than coincidence. They see it as a sign, evidence, that there is someone up there, watching out for them. Group number two sees it as just pure luck. Just a happy turn of chance. I'm sure the people in group number two are looking at those fourteen lights in a very suspicious way. For them, the situation is a fifty-fifty. Could be bad, could be good. But deep down, they feel that whatever happens, they're on their own. And that fills them with fear. Yeah, there are those people. But there's a whole lot of people in group number one. When they see those fourteen lights, they're looking at a miracle. And

deep down, they feel that whatever's going to happen, there will be someone there to help them. And that fills them with hope. See what you have to ask yourself is what kind of person are you? Are you the kind that sees signs, that sees miracles? Or do you believe that people just get lucky? Or, look at the question this way: Is it possible that there are no coincidences?"
*–M. Night Shyamalan*




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