

What if You Said Yes to God?

I love her because she taught me how to put on nylons when I was in middle school and because she has shown me how to enjoy knowing Jesus. Just back from Kenya on a short-term trip to work in a hospice, she had me in tears with this story that I know will encourage you.



Please welcome the beautiful, fun, and tender-hearted Carol Draeger. Once my aunt and now my dear friend.

On a recent mission trip to a hospice in rural Kenya, our team of five decided to pray and sing over each patient at their bedside. One older woman, Anna, had end-of-life cervical cancer and insisted she sit on the edge of her bed as we laid hands on her. After we prayed, my heart became very tender for her, and I wept as she looked deep into my eyes and said over and over *Asante, Asante*, thank you, thank you.

That night, God woke me up and told me, *Tomorrow, sit with Anna.*

I can do that, Lord, I said.

The next morning I told the medical director my desire to sit with Anna. After a few minutes, the medical director came and asked me if I still wanted to sit with Anna as she didn't have much longer. I asked if she meant Anna might pass in the next day, and she answered, *No, seconds!*

I rushed to Anna's side and held her hand just as she was passing. I told the Lord I was sorry that I didn't get to sit with Anna.

You will sit with Anna all the way to the funeral home. She has no family here with her.

Okay, Lord, I said.

I helped transfer Anna to the ambulance and rode the short distance to the funeral home. After assuring the mortician that I was okay with this, I helped transfer her to the metal table, undress her and cover her with a white satin sheet. I said goodbye as we slid her into the cooler.

It was one of the most pure and holy moments I've ever experienced.

I told the ambulance driver what God had told me to do, and he said they would use that as testimony at her funeral. So this is what God meant by *sit with Anna*, and it may, in fact, be my fondest memory of Kenya.

What holy task does God whisper to your heart this day?

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