



Moving Toward Trust

Introduction *Struggles in faith and questioning God's presence and response to our needs and difficulties is a part of most peoples faith life. The following is one person's struggle with God and with self.*

“My fight with the Dear Lord above — just guess WHO won!!”

First of all, let me share some of what in my life has influenced my relationship with God. I am most intelligent. Ask anyone — ok, maybe not. My family is very religious — loved Mass, confessions, and participated in the church rituals. I loved CHOCOLATE.

Long story short, I believed it was MEEEEEE that controlled my life. Bad decisions, et al. I received much advice. Everyone said: “Give yourself to GOD” Yah, like that would work.

I experienced many battles, many low spots with myself and the other “people” that live in here with me; the many sides of my personality.

Yep, others told me, “Give your trust to God”. I tried. Others insisted, “Listen, HE will talk to you”. Enuff of that.

I lived on with the belief that I could control my life. One day, I sat in the 2nd bedroom, made a drink, paid my bills. “SEEEEE — I can do this all by myself!!!” With music on loudly, I went to the kitchen — made another drink. I started being Julia Child — while the food was simmering, I sat on a stool next to the counter.

I felt relaxed with my cool feet, I am always barefoot — inside!! I sat so happy with myself.

Suddenly, I felt this warm feeling on one foot. Looking down, I saw my cat having DIARRHEA on my feet!!! Reacting quickly, I jumped up — walked on heels — kicked her into the river. After cleaning, myself up, I discovered there she was, back with me — “OK,” I told her, “this time I’m dropping you off the bridge and — NOOO, you may not have a life jacket.”

Poor little thing, I cuddled her. It took me several hours to realize — “GOD was talking” to me. Was I able to listen?

Life goes on. We do fight often, God and me. I “hear” him better now.

Having TRUST is the hardest thing for me. I’m getting there tho. Day by day, it’s the small steps forward and the open heart to listen and move on that brings hope for continuous renewal.

