

A TIME FOR VISITING

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The little girl hurried to answer the door. It was 'Auntie Ruth and Uncle Bob'. Her parents were expecting close friends to come by for a visit and of her parents' friends, this couple was her favourite. Auntie Ruth always made the little girl feel special. Then a tragedy in the family caused the families to go in different directions.

Fast forward 15 years, the little girl grew up and married. One day the young woman learned that 'Auntie Ruth and Uncle Bob' moved to the town where she now lived. The dear memories of what was long ago moved the young woman to seek them out. That visit led to a deeper richer friendship as the young woman noticed how Auntie Ruth always welcomed her warmly and seemed to really enjoy spending time with her. They shared many things including confidences and recipes.

During that time, the young woman re-dedicated her life to Jesus, her LORD and Savior and she made sure to share her faith with her dear friend. The years passed and one day Auntie Ruth shared the sad news that she had been diagnosed with cancer.

As Auntie Ruth's body weakened and she could no longer do all of the things she once did, the younger woman took it upon herself to make Christmas cake from the recipe that had been passed down from Auntie Ruth's mother and was a favourite of Uncle Bob's. She continued to present Uncle Bob with Christmas cake every Christmas until his passing many years later.

To this day, the now not so young woman remembers those special visits as she makes the Christmas cake and shares it with other special friends.

God used Auntie Ruth to encourage the little girl and later the young woman to encourage the older lady, and He still sends people to visit and encourage. Endurance and encouragement come from God.

Please read Romans 15:1-7.

Jesus left His Father's side not to please Himself, but so that we would know we are loved and to bring us salvation.

Will you allow God to use you to bless others as He has blessed us?