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Isaiah 38:9-20

My heart pounded as I stared into the darkness. Struggling to breathe, I whispered, "It was just a dream!"

Raised in a Christian home, it was easy for me to "play church." To me, God was too distant to be real. My dream interrupted this superficial view of life. Its vivid scenes continued in my mind's eye like an eerie movie: Hanging from a steep cliff, I swung my feet up to a narrow outcropping of loose rock. Below, a deep body of churning water threatened. Suddenly, the rocks gave way. Terror claimed me, and all hope fled at that moment. God used this distressful dream to bring me to Christ. Like Hezekiah, God rescued me from "the pit of destruction" (v. 17b).

King Hezekiah recognized the benefit of his distress (v. 17a). God had delivered his life and removed his sin. In humility, he sang praises to the Lord for His faithfulness.

We can rejoice with assurance, knowing our times of suffering or joy bring benefits born of His love.

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