

## NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

When my wife of sixty years passed away unexpectedly but very peacefully in 2016, life for me became suddenly very lonely and empty indeed, as we were seldom ever apart and did nearly everything together. We met at Avondale College in 1953, and have been together for nearly sixty-three years in total. **Ruth** was my Princess and will always occupy a special portion of my heart and memories.

I was caring for the home of some good friends near Jennelle my daughter, at Camden at the end of 2016, and feeling very lonely, when out of curiosity and serious prayer, I felt impressed to have a look at a site called Christian Connection. There were some interesting ladies profiled there, but none even came close to my lifestyle as a Vegan and an unchurched individual whose only rule of life and understanding of Truth was based solely on the Word of God.

I was about to give up and told the Lord that I would probably have to live the rest of my life on my own, when I noticed **Naomi**. When I started to read her profile that she had placed there, a very definite feeling of peace and yet excitement came over me. It's interesting, that in the Old Testament Book of Ruth, she and her mother-in-law, Naomi, were every close. ("Your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God." Ruth 1:16). I continued reading and was so amazed at the similarities that we both shared.

In the Bible story of Gideon, God gave him two definite signs. (Judges 6:36-40).

There were over twenty signs He gave me about Naomi and the list just kept growing daily as we communicated with each other. I'll list below some which were really amazing.

- \* Love for God and His Truth is supreme for us both.
- \* Naomi and Ruth. Two wonderful ladies who really loved God and put Him first in everything. My Ruthie told me a number of times that if perhaps she passed away before me, that she wanted me to find another companion to share my life and service for the Lord.
- \* We both have had five wonderful children, who are still alive and love us.

\* Naomi had been a widow for nineteen years and I was a widower for just months.

\* Music. We both play piano and other instruments and love music and praising the Lord in song. Naomi also loves Messianic Dancing, and has taught me one already with more to come. The dances express the Gospel message very beautifully.

\* We are both Sabbath-keepers, and revere His special Day, and the rest of the commandments as well of course.

\* Neither of us are members of any church organization, but we both love the Lord Jesus with all our hearts and minds. We both enjoy the freedom to follow the Holy Spirit's leading as we consider Present Truth from His Word, as our Chart and Compass. We both believe God has His faithful remnant in all the churches and He excludes no one. It's an open invitation for "Whosoever will, may come."

\* Because we both are aware that we are living close to the end times for our sad old world, we appreciate the counsels and prophetic visions the Lord has given us through His servant, Ellen White.

\* Our understanding of Life After Death is based solely on the Word of God. There is no eternally burning hell, and we simply rest as if fast asleep till the Redeemer calls forth His saints at His second coming. We both are looking forward to the Resurrection Day, to seeing my Princess raised from sleep, and Naomi's Tom be restored to life with new glorious bodies. What a day that will be!

\* We both have a keen interest in God's way of keeping healthy in body, mind and spirit.

\* We were both christened as babies in the Anglican Church. I still have my certificate!

\* We both had a desire to follow God and work for Him at a very young age.

\* We both are heavily waiting on the Lord for His leading, and we believe He definitely is leading.

\* We both have majored in English, and love reading and writing, and have written our life stories in little booklets as Autobiographies. There'll have to be new chapters written soon I believe.

\* We both understand the correct view on Baptism into Christ, rather than into a particular church.

\* Fruit for breakfast seems to suit us both. It certainly does fit in with the body's Circadian Rhythms.

\* We both are outgoing and love meeting and working with people.

\* Even our vehicles have travelled similar mileage! Amazing! There was even a permanently available space right next to Naomi's parking spot for my Commodore!

And the list grows exponentially as time passes..... more than TEN times what God gave Gideon!

Naomi asked if she could call me on the phone, while I was house caring at Camden, and it was awesome to speak to each other realizing that we were both leading very similar lives with the Lord as our Anchor and Counsellor. So, I asked if we could meet, and we had a lovely day together at her place at Glenbrook sharing our goals and understandings of truth.

At that time, Naomi told me she was interested in someone else, so I wished her well and left it all with the Lord. About a week later after meeting with the one she thought she could be with, the Lord showed her plainly she said, that he was not the one and that she was meant to be with me.

Wow! When she told me, I was thrilled and since then we have been emailing, and exchanging messages and calls, getting to know as much as possible about each other. I personally have been amazed over and over again, at how the Lord is leading us both, so I told Naomi I'd like to drive down from Ellesmere near Kingaroy, my home base on my daughter's property, to spend a few weeks near her to find out more if our coming together would be possible.

It's about sixteen hours driving, but I arrived safely, and she told me she'd like me to stay at her apartment as she had a separate space for me to have privacy, and that was so lovely of her.

It was Thursday evening when I arrived, and we chatted till late into the night, and then retired. On Sabbath we visited with the folks at the Seventh-Day Baptist venue near Parramatta. On Sunday the family were to have a "get together" at Katoomba for Heiko's birthday, and it would be a great time to meet the family members who live in the Sydney area.

I was still amazed that the Lord found another Godly woman who could be a companion for me so quickly after Ruth's passing, for whatever time I have left to live for Him. Linking up with another lady was a really huge undertaking for me, and I wanted to be absolutely sure that it was the Lord's will for me to ask Naomi to marry me. So I spent a great deal of time with the Lord in prayer on the Saturday evening. It had been raining almost continuously since I had arrived, and so I made a pact with the Lord. If He dispersed the clouds and stopped the rain, and allowed the sun to shine fully on the Three Sisters near Katoomba, I would take that as a special sign to go ahead.

Well, at 2pm on Sunday, it was still clouded over and raining, and I was wondering if after all the other signs and similarities, that He was going to say "No!" But the rain did ease off enough for us to go for a walk with the family, and the clouds were clearing, so we said our "Goodbyes" and drove off to see the Three Sisters.

***By the time we arrived, the sun had emerged and was shining in full strength on those three rock formations as in the picture below:***

***Oh what a feeling to have my Father's personal endorsement of our union!***



My heart was so full and overflowing with gratitude to my Lord. As we gazed upon the beautiful sight, I told Naomi that these rock formations were misnamed. The tall One on the left was really Yahweh; the middle one was Don and the smaller one was Naomi.

**Then I took Naomi's hand and asked her to be my wife and .....she said,**

**“YES”!**

I told Naomi of the pact I had made with the Lord. We hugged and kissed and were both overcome with the excitement of another amazing and direct answer to prayer.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, “A three-fold cord is not quickly broken.” We felt so grateful to our Heavenly Father Who is indeed the strong unbreakable strand in our cord.



I had brought my camera with me, and wondered how I could get some pictures of this very special occasion, when I noticed two ladies walking towards us. As I approached, and before I had a chance to speak, one lady said,

“Would you like me to take some pictures for you?”

I told them what had just happened and they were nearly as excited as we were. They took some lovely pictures of us both, and I’ll include some below, as a memorial of this wonderful occasion.

What a wonderful Father we serve!



**Beautiful Full Strength Sunshine!**



**And she said .....”YES”!**





**Thank you to our dear Father in Heaven.**





**A moment of extreme joy and love!**

## **NAOMI'S STORY**

What a joy it was meeting Don through the website called "Christian Connection" back in December, 2016, and then discovering that it was God's purpose for us to share our lives together (see Don's post, "Nothing is Impossible with God"). I had been on my own since Tom died in 1998. After a brief courtship, including lots of emails because I lived in the Blue Mountains in NSW and Don lived in Ellesmere, near Kingaroy, in Qld, we were married at Springwood Baptist Church in the Blue Mountains on 7th May, 2017. We have since moved and settled in Landsborough, Qld, close to the Sunshine Coast.

As Don mentions in his message, we have so much in common, which is a great blessing and advantage. Yet, at the same time, as is the case with many married couples, we have had many different experiences in life, plus our different interests, passions, natural and spiritual gifts from God etc. For example, having had a Seventh-Day Adventist background, Don has been greatly blessed by Ellen White's writings regarding health and as mentioned below, my particular interest in this field has been emotional and spiritual healing.

I believe it is God's plan that we would enrich and complement each other and so have more to share with others.

Tom and I were blessed with five daughters. As a family, we have had our share of illnesses and health problems and have endeavoured to overcome these challenges through medical doctors, necessary surgery and alternate medicine such as Naturopathy, Chiropractic etc.

Since being with Don, I have been on a very interesting and sometimes, challenging learning curve re the benefits of a vegan diet and natural cures wherever possible. At this point, I have chosen not to be entirely vegan in my eating habits, but I am very much aware of the advantages, especially as we are both growing older and I would not hesitate to encourage others to pursue this path.

As mentioned above, another area that I have been particularly interested in for many years is what I would term emotional and spiritual healing. As we know, what we have inherited through our genes, how we think and the experiences we have had in life, both positive and negative, have a great influence on our outlook and how our body functions. Two ministries that I have been involved in, and through

which I and many others have received great benefits are Elijah House Ministries and Ellel Ministries.

Probably most of us carry or have carried what I would call "baggage" in our hearts and minds as well as in our bodies, that prevents us from enjoying the fullness of life that our Creator has intended for us (John 10:10).

It is my hope and prayer that those who visit this website will be encouraged and challenged to "Choose Life" in whatever area they have a need.

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