

other artifact, yet I cannot forget that old, cracked, dirty vessel. Though the other items were made as well to serve, the only one that truly served was the one willing to hold the "filth."

I think about that vessel when I pray and ask that I can be willing and honored enough someday to truly serve my King. To be willing to do the "dirty" work for Him. 

QUESTIONING AND ANSWERS

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Edward is a lawyer whom I have known for many years. His parents also come to see me for check-ups from time to time.

"So what brought you here today?" I tried to fit my tired body into the chair.

"My stomach has been bothering me." Edward used his right hand to point at the abdomen.

"That is your belly, not your stomach."

"That also hurts."

"Has the pain been waking you up at night?"

"Not really, but I have not been sleeping well at all." His tone started to change. I sat myself up straight to listen carefully.

Before I realized what was happening, I found myself looking at a distressed yet familiar face. Edward suddenly started to sob.

I don't remember ever reading from any of my medical books what one should do when faced with a crying man in the office! I signalled to my nurse that she could leave

first. I knew Edward would appreciate having some time with me alone.

"Something must be bothering you greatly. You want to talk about it?"

"I attended a funeral service this week..." He started to fill me in as to what had happened since I saw him six months ago.

Edward and his wife Anita have two girls. They had been hoping for a boy. So when they found out that Anita was expecting again, they were very excited. By the end of the second trimester. Anita had an ultrasound done for fetal assessment. They found out that the baby was probably a boy. Since the first two babies were delivered by Caesarian section, their obstetrician recommended that the same be done for the third one. So a date was set for the mother to go to the hospital for a repeat Caesarian section.

That night, Edward left the two girls with the in-laws and accompanied Anita to the hospital. They settled down rather quickly in a

room since the registration had been previously done. They had supper together. Shortly after supper, Anita felt that the baby somehow had been less active and so she called the nurse on duty to check. The nurse had some problem locating the fetal heartbeat but she thought she could feel some movements on palpation. She reassured the parents and left. Before Edward went home that night, he laid hands on his wife's abdomen and prayed for the baby.

Shortly after Edward had arrived home, he got a phone call from the nurse. The message was that the baby was in danger and he should rush back to the hospital.

Later he found out that by the time the resident doctor came to check his wife again, no fetal pulse was audible. An urgent ultrasound done failed to show any sign of life! The Caesarian section was performed as scheduled the following day and a stillborn baby boy was delivered with the umbilical cord wrapped tightly around his neck. They had the baby home for a few hours so that the two girls could see their brother for the first time which was also the last time. A funeral service followed.

"So...that was the funeral service you mentioned earlier!" I began to understand his situation.

"Only if they had done the operation 24 hours earlier..." He could no longer hold back his tears.

"How is your wife managing?"

"Surprisingly she is taking it much better than I do. Her faith in God is much stronger than mine."

"Edward, could I tell you something personal?"

"Why? Of course." He stared at me.

"You know what? My stomach is getting quite upset too." I actually felt nauseated. "I don't know how I would take something like that if I were in your shoes."

"Anita thinks there must be answers to life's problems. It is just that we may not know them in this life." He sounded as if he was trying to comfort me.

"She is absolutely right. I think one day when I see God in heaven I will have to ask Him a lot of questions...questions about miscarriages, stillbirths, cancers and heart attacks." I mumbled.

"Frankly, I don't think we will need to ask those questions when we see God face to face. God's purpose will be so evident then."

"Edward, thank you for saying that. You do have a point there."

"I should thank you for being such a sympathetic listener." He stood up, shook hands and left.

About a year later, Anita and Edward were blessed with a baby boy whom they named Micah.



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