

Side By Side Sisters

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Side by side sisters' are those who find that special person who suddenly arrives unannounced into their lives, and most unexpectedly — everything changes! At least that's how it was for me.

Now there is this new person. A kindred spirit. Someone you never even knew existed, with whom you have that something special and you never even knew it was going to happen. You didn't see it coming! It was just the right moment in time, being in the right place with the right words, speaking to the right person and — WOW!

No one introduced you, it wasn't a friend of a friend, a workmate or a colleague, you didn't meet her at the gym or at a Tupperware party, or even at Church. You just 'knew that you knew' that there was a higher power at play in this phenomenon. It's as though invisible strings were being pulled and plucked like the strings of a musical instrument! But it was playing a brand new tune, one which you hadn't heard before, and you knew that it was not you playing! There was a Master Maestro at work in this!

Such is the way it was for me and my side by side sister ...

That glorious day when the Father of creation scheduled an unannounced appointment in our lives! Previously I had inadvertently come across a Writing Guild of which my side by side sister was the President. I had been searching online for a name from the Bible. An old name I had heard of, yet didn't quite know who it belonged to... "**Jochebed**" As I was searching online, suddenly up popped a sermon blog with an article pertaining to my search of that name. I was so excited! This was just what I had been looking for. The writer was Dr. Mary Edwards the Founder of the same Writing Guild as my then, unbeknown side by side sister! Because of that connection I immediately decided to read her blog and the article about Jochebed.

CLICK! I was in! As I was reading I was so blessed, God is so very good isn't He? There I was I was on a personal journey with my Heavenly Father revealing many 'personal' things to me through Dr. Edward's wonderful informative article.

Then unexpectedly in the very near future, upon that "right day—right time scenario" with everything perfectly positioned, ***the day came!*** It was carrying with it the new tune which the Father in heaven had written.... and that perfect moment when the music begins to play!

Can't you just see the angels, singing along with the melody? The strings... violins, cellos, harps, the pianos, guitars, drums and timbrels plus all the other instruments heaven holds. Yes! We really ***ARE*** that special to God. Not just my side by side sister and I, but ***You***, those who are reading this are equally special and beloved by God too!

He is the Alpha and the Omega. Creator of the whole universe! And yet here He was stooping down to planet earth to introduce two of His daughter's like they were long lost sister's, knowing they would rejoice when they realised they had found each other... He was watching their pure joy!

Oh how our precious Father's heart must swell with love when he unites his beloved children.

The anointing falls and the two sisters, who didn't know they were... fall into conversation — online! Facebook of all things, who knew God would use Facebook? Yes, He can use any form of communication that He so desires!

Nearly two hours later, they KNEW they were SISTERS! Not by human DNA, but by the spiritual DNA of their Saviour and Lord, Christ Jesus! That first conversation was glorious, revealing the heart of Jesus for each one of them, knitting them together as sisters! It was by His precious Holy Spirit that these two had been born into His family, wrought together like fraternal twins. But not in an earthly mother's womb. No! This was the spiritual womb of God. Human hands and minds had nothing to do with it.



This was all HIM!

Our Heavenly Father choosing the time we were to meet. Precious time to bond like long lost siblings, bringing that moment when we would know beyond anything natural, that something supernatural was occurring! This was God, our Father revealing our sisterhood ... showing us that we were related through and by Him.

I was in Australia, she was in America, I am white, she is black. So there we were! On opposite sides of the globe with different time zones. My day is her night, and her night is my day.

But something wonderful was happening! There was an exchange taking place, a divine exchange! A hand moving across time and space as if there was no distance whatsoever in it. But this hand was not the hand of anything earthly ... It was the hand of almighty God!

Yes! It was God Himself the magnificent Conductor orchestrating the beautiful newly written, never-heard-before tune. I like to imagine Him sitting down, pen poised with a whimsical look of divine pleasure on His beautiful face, the face of Love ... He would have said something like;

"Let us make a special melody for these two. They are going to be so good together. They will do things which will honour Me and My plans will be achieved in their lives, individually and together at the same time.

They will compliment each other and My will shall be accomplished in them. Let us write a song that has never been sung before, creating notes with instruments they have never known. The stimulus of the tune must be so strong that it will be heard across the world, a tune which will not be bound by time, distance or circumstance, or by the agenda of the human race. Let it be unique to just the two of them, and write it in black and white, no colour needed, they will make a colour of their own, like their very own rainbow! A new promise sealing their lifelong sisterhood which will be everlasting.

" Yes ... They will be sisters' walking side by side."

And to this day that's how it is. We just "know" each other! It's like we always did. We didn't have a past but we had the present sealed by a divine promise with the love of true sisterhood... and best of all, we have an eternal future to spend together in the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus, the Christ of God!

God changed my life forever on that gloriously fateful day, the day that I found her. Or should I say, the day on which HE founded us both and joined us in the here-and-now and for all eternity.

She is my side by side sister, my forever faithful friend! I love her . . .

 *Her name is Wanda ~*