Your Comfort Brought Me Joy!

Psalm 94:18-19 NIV When I said, "My foot is slipping." Your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

There is a commercial by American Home Shield promoting their product of covering your house in times of emergencies. It caught my eye because of the unusual circumstances that each homeowner was facing. One in particular made me stand back and say, "There is NO WAY that woman would be smiling!" She was standing in her kitchen and making a sandwich—all the while her sink faucet was spewing water everywhere and she was getting soaked (along with the sandwich and her entire kitchen)!! She was smiling and commenting on how she was not worried because she has American Home Shield coverage and they will fix it! I don't think I would have been that calm!

When I read Psalm 94:18-19, I was reminded of this commercial. The Lord was speaking to me that he was my coverage in the midst of storms and turmoils. I could be calm like the woman in the commercial because He was watching out for me and prepared to catch me if I fell and cheer me up when I became distraught. As the water was spewing all over the place and she was standing there saying she had confidence in American Home Shield, I realized that my confidence in the Lord was stronger than anything American Home Shield had to offer! We have a home warranty company and it takes days to get them to send someone out to my house to fix anything that is broken. In fact, a few times the company never calls back and I have to go through the process all over again and ask them to send someone else.

Not so with my Lord! He is there every time I call His Name. As a result, if I were standing in that kitchen with water spewing everywhere, the first name I would call would be Jesus! My kids know the first thing out of my mouth when tragedy happens is, "Oh Jesus, help us Lord!" And He does!

In the version of The Message, Psalm 94:18-19 reads like this: "The minute I said, 'I'm slipping, I'm falling,' your love, GOD, took hold and held me fast. When I was upset and beside myself, you calmed me down and cheered me up."

First, you call on Him to rescue you.

Second, you feel His love surround you.

Third, you feel Him lift your spirit out of the despair and you are calmed

Although God can do anything, I would not have expected Him to just stop the water coming out of my faucet. However, my plea for help would have been answered by His love surrounding me and bringing calmness to my spirit so that I could have the wits about me to shut off the water under the sink! I'm sure all of you have had real-life situations similar to the lady in the commercial. I could spend hours telling you one story after another about times God rescued and brought calm to a troubling situation. It's life. Things happen. The one thing that is always constant and sure is our Heavenly Father. His unfailing love will support us and His comfort will bring us joy.

God cares about every part of your life—the good, the bad, the ugly, and the beautiful. Remember to call on Him, receive His love, and let Him bring calm to you. He will never fail to answer and rescue you.