

Daily Devotion For June 24, 2022

"The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord."  
Job 1:21

Yesterday at my MPC swimming class everyone was talking about Steve Bruemmer, the swimmer who was bit by a shark at Lover's Point on Wednesday. The reason was because Steve and his wife Brita take the same swim classes at MPC. Thank God that Steve did not lose any limbs and is expected to make a good recovery.

When I heard of the shark attack I thought of Bethany Hamilton. Do you remember her? Her story is chronicled in the movie "Soul Surfer." When Bethany was 13, she had her left arm bitten off along the shores of Kauai. Despite losing an arm, Bethany went on to fulfill her dream of becoming a professional surfer. Bethany has also written a book entitled "Rise Above" a 90 day devotional that chronicles the life lessons she learned through the shark attack.

In the movie "Soul Surfer" Bethany bears testimony to the unique way that God has used her to tell others about Jesus. She says, "God is working in and through me. And it's pretty awesome to be a part of that."

**Thought For Today:** When you encounter difficult times in your life to you ask, "Why me?" Why did God allow this to happen to me? Or, like Bethany do you say, God is working in and through me to glorify him? There are a lot of people in the bible who had challenges as well. Job lost his health, wealth and family in a matter of moments and yet he was able to say, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray that Steve will make a full and complete recovery. Pray that you would have the right response when you face challenges in your life. Wherever you are today, can you pray, "blessed be the name of the Lord. Deo Volente.