



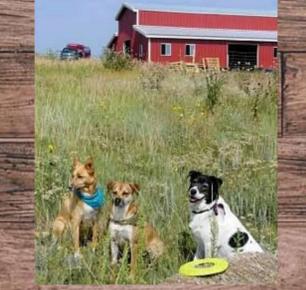
God speaks through both love and loss...

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From Sharron's heart:
My dogs are my child substitutes, and it's so hard to lose one of them. It breaks my heart that we recently had to say goodbye to my sweet Lilly. She leaves a huge hole. The past 8 years, she's been with me through every season...



Lilly, Jimmy and Bucket



My fur babies are also part of the ministry, whether as greeters, comforters, laughter and support, or just hanging out nearby... Lilly was always available for a kiss and a cuddle, and she always wanted to help!



God speaks to us through all His creation, and as far as this ministry and I are concerned, I would say He speaks the loudest and clearest through horses and dogs!

I did not love Lilly perfectly (there were times I was "too busy" to stop and love on her, or in a moment of hectic stress I would get frustrated when I'd fall over her since she was always on my heels); but it never affected her faithful and unconditional love for me. When I was running around doing a million things, distracted, focused elsewhere, even attending to another dog, Lilly stayed focused and attentive.

How often do we feel "too busy" to stop and acknowledge God, or we get frustrated because He's put something in our path that hinders our plans? Yet God is faithful even when we are not (2 Timothy 2:13), His love is perfect and unconditional, it's steadfast and unchanging. (Romans 8:38-39)

How often do we get so busy, distracted and overwhelmed that we neglect God and what He wants for us and from us? Yet God is never distracted or overwhelmed. He is always attentive (Psalms 34:15-20; 1 Peter 3:12 are just 2 examples).

No matter how comfortable and tucked in on the couch Lilly was, if I got up, she got up too! She would follow me wherever I went. Her true comfort and security came from being with me, not from cozy blankets, treats or plush beds!

This is also true of Jesus.... No matter where HE leads us, as long as we're there with Him, there's no better or safer place for us to be!

God Speaks to us through Wagging Tails

(this was first written about my old Jesse and Clyde, but it applies to Jimmy, Bucket and Lilly too!)

My dogs want to go everywhere with me. It doesn't matter where we're going or what we're doing, they just want to be with their mamma. They trust that wherever we go, whatever we do, it will be good, and they will be safe.

When we go for a walk, no matter what direction I go, they follow without hesitation and their tails never stop wagging. When I stop to take a photo, they stop and wait patiently. When I change direction or just turn around to go back, without question, they shift their weight and redirect their bodies to follow accordingly. When the trail gets rocky and steep, sometimes they follow my lead, other times they get just so far ahead before turning and waiting for me.

They are always in tune with where I am, their hearts are always full of excited anticipation, and their tails are always wagging with contentment and joy!

This is how Jesus wants us to walk with Him, with immediate obedience that comes from full trust, eager anticipation, and joy and contentment that comes just from being with Him. Holy anticipation is a gift from God that involves trusting in HIS guidance and provision.

We don't have tails to wag, but we can have a tail wagging kind of attitude!

"You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand." Psalm 16:11

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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