

Having a Soft Heart in a Hardened World

What can we do to mirror the heart of
God in difficult times?



The need to mirror the soft heart of God is great because the very character of the world we live in is a stake.





Moses = to draw out





“When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.”

Ex. 2:15



From orphan to prince,

from prince to criminal,

criminal to refugee,

and from refugee to ranch-hand.





The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians... So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Ex. 3: 7,8,10

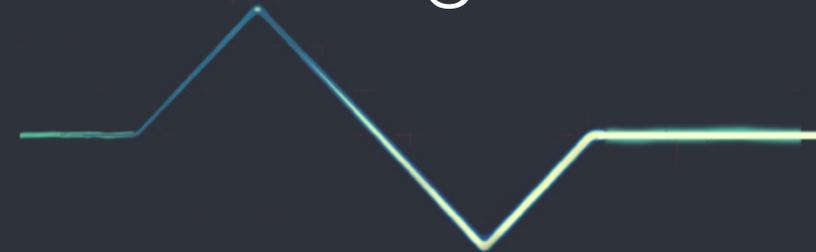


Who am I?



“God’s sense of timing seemed strange to Moses. Forty years ago, maybe – forty years ago he was young, strong and the product of the greatest education civilization could produce. But now he was a nobody, an anonymous shepherd in a forgotten desert, rejected by his own people and a fugitive from the Egyptians.”

John Ortberg



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Cor. 2:17



God uses ordinary people in ordinary circumstances to accomplish his extraordinary plan.



Who are you?



“We cannot make an object of God; God is not a thing to be named. We cannot turn God into an idea; God is not a concept to be discussed. We cannot use God for our making or doing; God is not a power to be harnessed... We have a long history in the wanting to make God into our image and using him for our purposes.”

Eugene Peterson

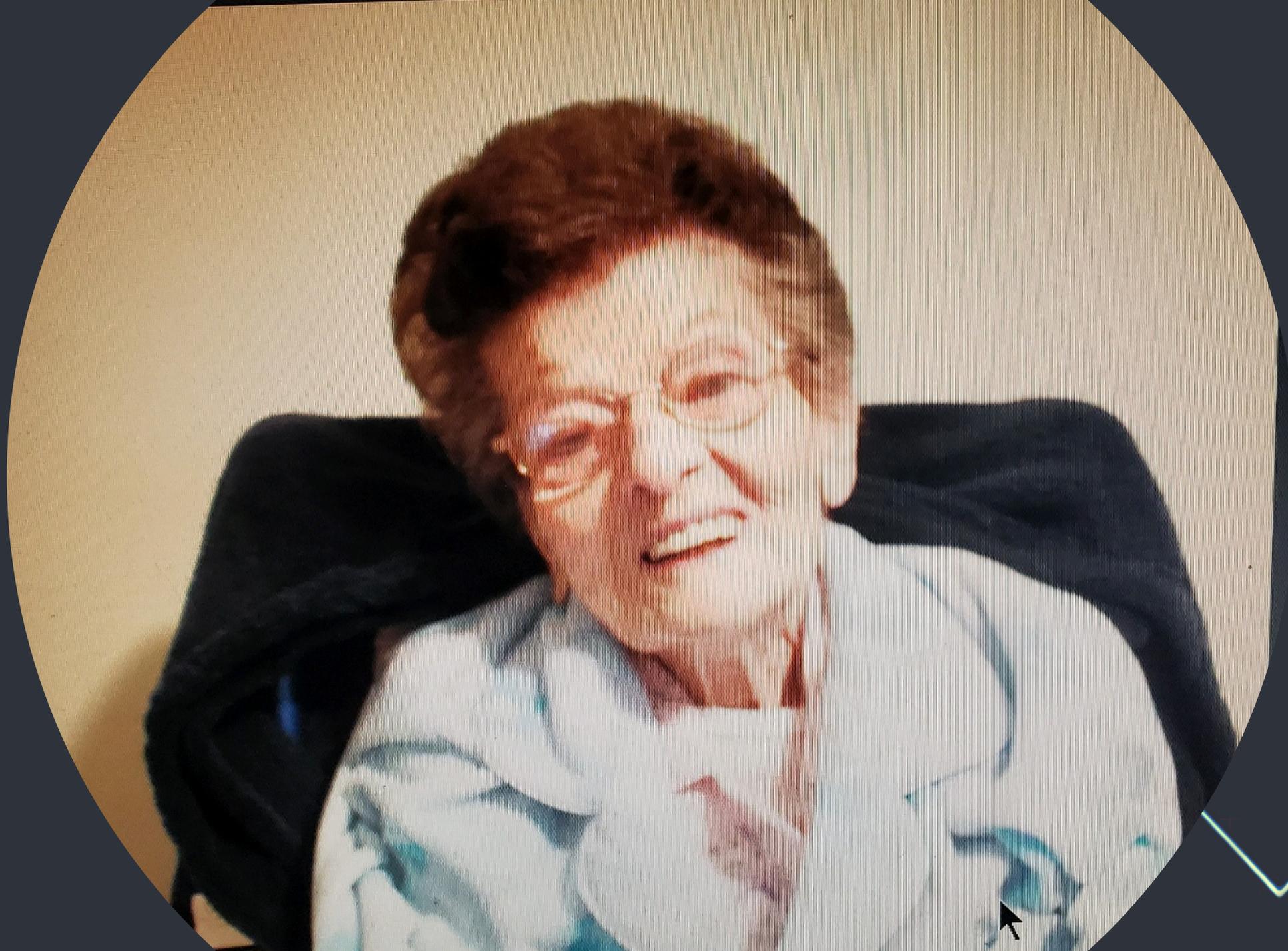




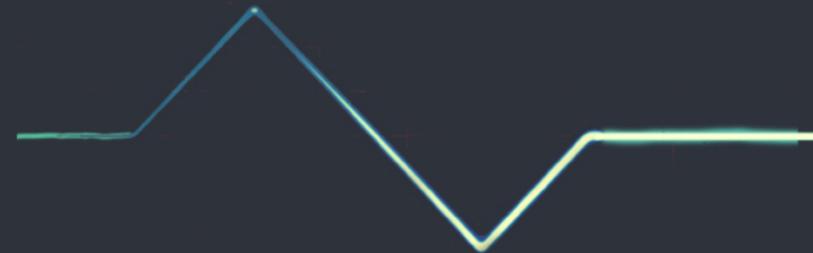


Gershom = I am an alien in
a foreign land.





Your heart's home is found in the presence of God.



“The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.”

Rev. 21: 19-21





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