



## Day 3

### Ever Present

*Matthew 18:20*

*“For when two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”*

Marilyn Alger was MCCC’s Katie Baird of the prior generation. When Marilyn asked you to do something you did it and if she told you to do something you did it without hesitation. She told me I needed to go to a Serendipity Workshop being held in January at a downtown Cleveland hotel. I was very pregnant with Travis, could barely fit behind the steering wheel of our AMC Hornet and had never driven in the city. But I went alone and was frightened.

As part of the program, we did an exercise where we line-graphed high and low points in our life. Then we were asked to graph high and low points spiritually in our life. Then we were directed to pick someone in the crowd as totally different from us as we could find. A nun in habit and I, nearly bursting out of my maternity top, locked eyes and knew we were meant for each other.

As we discussed our spiritual journeys, she pointed out to me how at my very lowest points was where I most grew spiritually. In situations she had never or would ever experience such as when we lost our baby, she saw opportunities for drawing closer in relationship with God. This remains a comforting reminder in times of stress and uncertainty that God is with us even when in grief or fear we can’t feel his presence.

**Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you for your presence in all times. For holding me up when I feel weak, for encouraging me when I have doubt, for forgiving me when I fail, for walking with me on life’s challenging journey. How blessed to be surrounded and uplifted by your love.**

**Amen.**

– Nora Brant