

REMEMBER

You have forgotten God your Saviour;
you have not remembered the Rock,
your fortress.

Therefore, though you set out the finest
plants

and plant imported vines,
though on the day you set them out,
you make them grow,
and on the morning when you plant
them, you bring them to bud,
yet the harvest will be as nothing
in the day of disease and incurable
pain.

Isaiah 17:10-11



It is amazing how we are surrounded by natural wonders every day and yet not always be aware of our Creator. For me, the momentum of life picks up after the Circuit Breaker, the 'to-do-lists' lengthen...the needs around me screaming for attention (my father was hospitalised for a month and for most days, I was exhausted-physically and mentally).

I am very thankful I am tethered to a Care Group, Abundance 1, who kept my father and me in prayers. There were times I was extremely stressed and I just vented it all out in WhatsApp group. Yet when each new day came, I was able to cope with prayers lifting me up. I believe my father is given some more time on this earth despite being terminally ill...because of the prayers interceding on his behalf. Now that my father has been discharged from the hospital, I am adjusting to the normalcy of life I was living previously. I feel confused as I go about my ways. Then I realise why I feel so lost and discouraged. I have forgotten

what is most important. I start and end my days without God. I can't remember the last time I meditated on His Word or basked in His presence. In a sense I am grateful I'm still serving as a writer in The Vine because as I write, I reflect. As I reflect, I am reminded to practise daily and weekly habits to remain in God's presence, to consult Him in all that I do. In my time of hardship, the Care Group has helped connect me with God. Now it's my turn to make a conscious effort on my part to re-connect with Him.

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**I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener....
I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
Apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:1,5**

