

Devotion, Week of September 15, 2024
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I was really exhausted after church on Sunday but went out to feed the koi in the fish pond. And lo and behold, as I approached the back yard, I saw a bright red flower in bloom – a spider lily. I went up to the bed and counted 10 stalks coming up. These are special treasures to Jim and me – we moved a few bulbs from Jim’s grandparents’ farm years ago and have babied them along. They are one of the “surprise” lilies where the greenery comes up in the spring, dies completely away, and then at end of summer naked stalks come up with these glorious flowers.

Suddenly I knew, just knew, that God was with me in this ordeal of illness I’m going through. There was the proof – a surprise lily – a true surprise that only God could provide. I’m constantly amazed at little things like this that show God’s incredible love for His creation, and his imagination. He would think of a flower that comes up, disappears, and then blooms months later out of nowhere? Only God, who likes to provide us with beautiful things in nature to remind us we are connected to it.

I hope as fall arrives you find beauty in these simple things – a really red maple or orange sourwood leaf, a late blooming flower, or a clear blue sky. May we all appreciate God’s gifts to us in this season.

Jeanne