

Devotion, Third Week of Lent, March 23, 2025
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May it help you turn everything over to God, who loves you. Jeanne

“O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act.” – Daniel 9:19

“Nikhoma?” This is a common expression in South Africa. It comes from the Zulu language and translates as “Are you there?” or “Are you awake?” A preacher might say this to rouse a congregation during a long sermon. Or a coach might say this at halftime to stir up disheartened players.

We have all called out to God, saying, “Nikoma?” God may seem silent during some seasons of our lives. There are times when we think that God is asleep. The disciples certainly felt this way when they were caught in a storm while Jesus slept through it. They cried out to Jesus saying, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mark 4:38). The disciples were saying, “Nikhoma, Jesus?”

The answer is always yes. Just as Jesus arose and commanded the storm to be calmed, Jesus hears you and acts accordingly. Even as the storm rages, take heart knowing that Jesus always hears and helps, acts and attends to you according to his perfect plans.

We have had a recent spate of illnesses in our church family. We pray that they continue to heal and experience wholeness at this time.

Jeanne