

Stories

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“Thy Will Be Done!”

By Tim Mee



Vicki and Tim Mee

When Vicki and I got the call asking if we would be willing to share our faith story, that request stimulated much thought and discussion. We once again were reminded that all our life changing decisions were driven by four simple words ... “They Will be Done.”

Vicki grew up on a farm in rural MN and I, a city boy in the Minneapolis/St. Paul suburbs. Unbeknownst to us, we met in the early 70's when her brother-in-law was a pitcher for the MN Twins and my father was the Twins PR Director. We have varying memories of these meetings, but it seems I did

not make a great first impression. Thankfully enough time elapsed between then and our official meeting, 15 years later.

Fast forward to 1986. I was all set to move from MN back to CA (where I spent over 5 years after graduating from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN) for a new job. Three days before my scheduled departure, I met Vicki and ended up unemployed. It was a great trade-off, as we were engaged in 60 days, married within eight months and are about to celebrate our 25th anniversary (we tell our kids, “Do as we

say, not as we do, or I mean, did).

Less than a year later, Vicki accepted a job with Eli Lilly Company and was transferred to CA. Surprisingly, I got a job with the same company I left at/for the altar. While living in CA, our first child, Andrea was born. Before she was nine months old, I was offered and accepted a job back in MN, knowing that we would be living apart until Vicki was able to transfer or find a job. The decision to leave my wife and baby girl behind was a tough one. The job involved a significant cut in pay and moving halfway across the

Newsletter Notes From Fr. Eric

Tim, Vicki and their family have been totally involved with our St. Patrick community for many years. Tim has been an EDGE core member for a number of years. In fact Tim is so dedicated to the kids in the EDGE program that even though his kids have completed the program, he continues

serve as a dedicated EDGE core member. He also loves serving the kids in the CLOW program.

Vicki has worked with the Sunday night Youth Liturgy Lectors for a long time now and is great with them.

Their children have been involved with the EDGE program, Teen Lectors, Altar Servers and Vacation Bible

School Volunteers.

I am grateful for the Mee family involvement and those families like them who are truly the backbone of our community here at St. Patrick.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Eric Tellez

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Tim, Vicki, Andrea, Kevin and Travis

country, but we were able to be closer to family. I was all set to turn it down, when Vicki called and said, “Take it. It’s all going to work out...Thy Will Be Done.” The day I drove away, Vicki received an unexpected raise that offset my cut in pay and delivered in that day’s mail, were two free roundtrip airline tickets. Three months later, Vicki was offered a transfer to MN and our family was reunited.

While in MN our second child, Kevin, was born. During the middle of our fifth winter in MN Vicki gave me three choices: 1. Quit complaining about the winter, as she reminded me, “We live in MN. It’s cold here. It’s always been cold and always will be cold.” 2. Get a job that moves us someplace warm. 3. Divorce. “I quit complaining about the winter. I HOPED she was joking about divorce, but I didn’t want to take the chance, so I erred on the side of caution and accepted a job in AZ. This decision was not made lightly, but in all our discussions it came back to “Thy Will Be Done.” Within 3 months, we made the decision I vowed I would never do again. I moved without my family.

With the family back in MN, I was responsible for settling in AZ and finding a new house. After a

Catholic Church?” He invited me to attend St. Patrick and I knew I found our new faith home. Later that night when Vicki and I were on the phone, she asked if I found a house. I said, “No, but I found our church.”

A few weeks after I left, we

Growing up, Vicki and I were both taught that it was important to have family dinners, go to church as a family and give back to your community. All of our kids have attended EDGE and were/are Teen Lectors. Andrea was also an EDGE core leader and Kevin an altar server. Vicki has been involved with the Lector Ministry for 14 years and has worked closely with the teen lectors for eight years. My ministries include EDGE core leader, CLOW and Eucharistic Minister.

We know our faith journey is not yet complete. I am



Andrea, Tim, Vicki, Travis and Kevin

found out Vicki was pregnant with our third child. This news made the need to sell our house in MN more urgent and Vicki’s job search more complicated. Once again, everything worked out as He planned. A month later, our house sold and Vicki’s company offered her a transfer, all within the week. Six months later, our son Travis was born here in AZ.

sure there will be many joys, sorrows and decisions. However, one thing is certain. We will be guided through those times by four simple words ... “They Will Be Done.”



Get Involved

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