Grandma's BLOG

"My tonsils will fly out and then I'll come home!"

Obviously, when you were four years old, you did not fully understand the short-term pain of a tonsillectomy! Yet you were willing to go to the hospital and walk into the preop room — not because of your in-depth medical knowledge but because of the relationship you had with your parents. You trusted that they knew what was best for you.

Isn't that what our relationship with Jesus should be? When we're faced with tough situations, we trust that God will be looking out for our best interest. God already knows our innermost being (He made us!), and through Bible reading and prayer — guided by the Holy Spirit — we grow in the knowledge that He promises to care for us in bad times as well as good. He will never, ever let us down.

Clutching your stuffed Froggy, you were wheeled off to the operating room. You could sense your parents' love for you there, but you also felt comforted by having something to carry in your hand. Froggy reminded me of trusted Christian friends who comfort us in trials with God's love shining through their acts of kindness and support.

Trusting our friends takes time. As we develop close Christian-based relationships that allow us to be comfortable sharing our deepest feelings, those friends become the "Froggies" in our lives.

Relationships, whether spiritual or temporal, are two-way streets. Not only do we need our friends, but they need us too. As Christians, we look to Jesus as a model for our lives, to be able to reach out in love to those around us.

Whose Froggy might you be today?

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him (Nahum 1:7).