



Mindy wrote me an incredibly encouraging letter in recognition of my 25 years of ministry. I asked her if I could share it with you.



With UMass students ('94?): Margaret, me, Cathy & Rebecca

Celebrating 25 Years

Liz,

I was down in the basement and found my WW [Wildwood] pictures yesterday & it got me trying to think of the first time I met you. I think it might have been on a UConn/UMass Spring break trip to Harlem (Were you on that trip?) [Yes.] But I think of the first WW memory of you was going out on the boardwalk & you struck up a conversation with a girl at a game stand. I thought, wow, Liz is great and I saw your heart for the lost, I so appreciate that heart and how you want others spending their lives investing in people. I still don't know what you saw in me that summer, but thanks for investing in me and sharing your insights, your godly wisdom, your stories in your life, and your life with me. I don't think I would be as strong in my faith if you weren't here.

Some of my favorite Liz moments: going out on the CT River in the boat, watching a Barbara Streisand movie after driving & getting lost in S. Hadley, hearing you talk about your relationship with God & your walk with Him, you sitting on the couch in our WW apartment trying to get me to confess to toilet papering your room after I'd torn my jeans & left my backpack in there, finding a cornstalk in my car, getting into bed after a long day & discovering someone had short-sheeted me, going for walks on the Northampton bike trail, your talk on Philippians 4 (I still remember some of it whenever I read that passage!) at UConn. I could probably remember more, but honestly the best part was that I could spend time with you, and I always came away encouraged in my faith. You're a great friend and I thank you for serving so many college students (&grads) all these years.

If we're to store up treasures in heaven, I hope I get to see your chest when we get there, because I think it's going to be overflowing.

Love ya,

Mindy

When I read Mindy's letter it made me cry. What a great life I've had! Like Paul said to the Thessalonians I say to those I've had the privilege to serve, "Having so fond an affection for you, I was well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also my life, because you had become very dear to me."

Thank you for your faithful gifts, prayers, and encouragement; together we are helping people know God. What's not good about that?!?!?

Very grateful,

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