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THE PATROL BELT

When I was a young girl, our elementary school was within walking distance. Kids were selected to be patrol boys or girls. These “Patrol” kids came to school a little early and stood on the corner intersection near the school and helped guide children across the street. It was a real honor to be selected.

One day they had selections for patrol boys and girls. I wanted to be one and was chosen out of several that had applied. I was so excited. I would be “helping” others. On the day when the patrol belts were given out, there were several kids waiting to receive their belts. It came down to the last two to get their belts, and I was one of them. Unfortunately, the principal had not ordered enough belts, and someone would not get theirs. I was asked to forfeit my belt and give it to the other person.

I never became a patrol person. I would have to say that it was a wound that only God healed as I grew in Christ.

Recently, I had an encounter with the Lord. He told me that I had been chosen to be his “Patrol Girl” standing on the corner of life directing others to safety. He then told me that he had given me a belt to wear. It is found in Ephesians 6:14. It says in the Amplified Version: ***“So stand firm and hold your ground, having tightened the wide band [belt] of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist...”***

I may not have been selected to receive a patrol belt seventy years ago, but I have one now. This is a testimony that God always has the final word. Our desires may not come immediately, but they will come when we put our trust in God.