

TESTIMONIES

"Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you..."

I Peter 3:15

SOME WORDS FROM ONES WHO WORSHIP AT BROADMAN



MILAGRO MILLIE CASTILLO (born 1941) "Let go and let God" is a phrase that I have heard over the years. Yet, no matter how many times I hear it, it is difficult for me to follow. Being raised as a Catholic, it was a simple matter of confessing and then doing the penance as the priest directed. Over the years I lost faith in the Catholic religion as I thought it was too punitive. I did not feel free. My wings were not allowed to fly. I guess I was looking for a religion that was easy to understand. Still, over the years I attended a lot of different churches and randomly studied different religions.

Since I was raised to take care of myself and survive, it was important for me to maintain control. I believed strongly in the survival instinct as it helped me to survive in a lot of situations. However, I did not feel that God's hand was in any of this – or so I thought. As I have gotten older, there has been a spiritual force present in my life. At this point I can't identify it, but the path to my spirituality is becoming clear as each day goes by.

The power of prayer is one of those paths that I am trying to follow. My son and his wife are involved in my guidance and although I continue to stumble, their love and support to "Let go and let God" is their lesson.

This path is not easy for me as I tend to speak quite strongly in my private and sometimes heated conversations with God. I know that with time the cobblestones in my path will disappear and at least I do know that I am loved.

