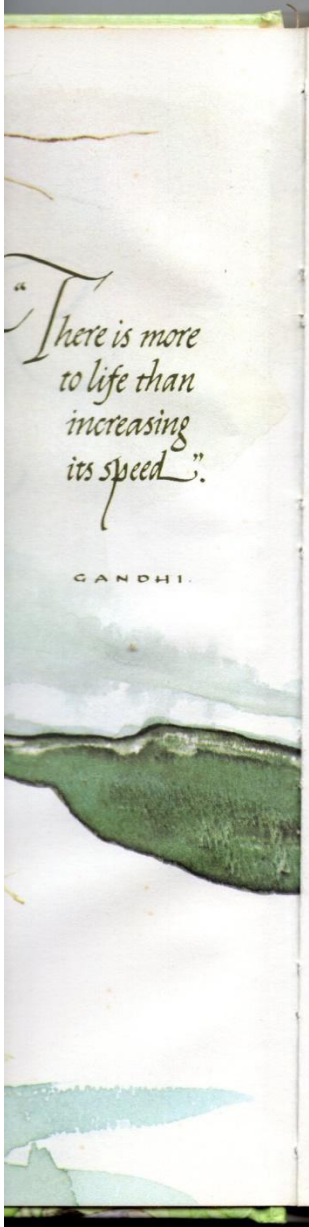


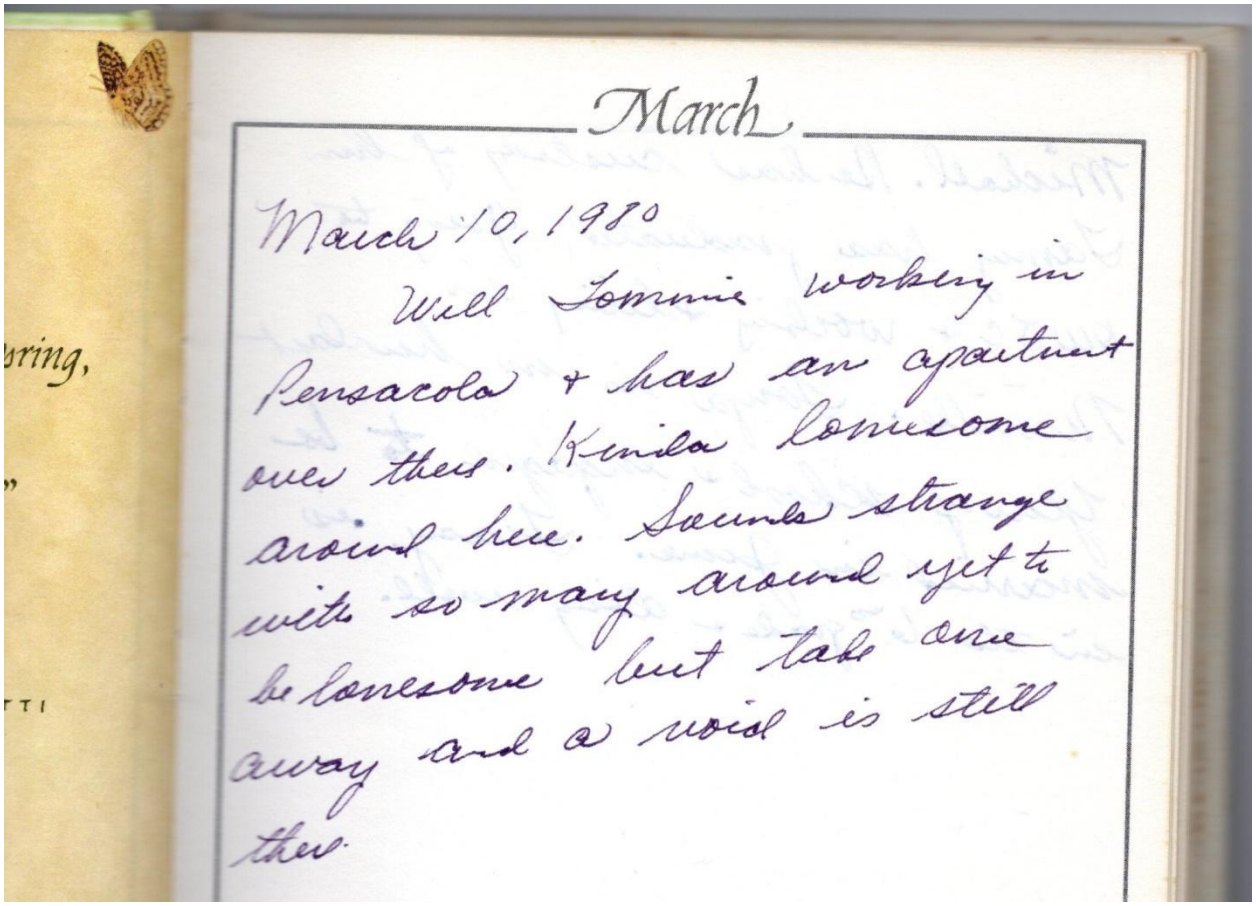
January

January 1, 1980.

This begins another New Year - May God watch over and care for each one of my children, be with them in any decisions they may make - whether right or wrong and guide them each step of the way. Jan 23, 1980

Quite a jump huh, but around here it's almost impossible to keep daily records although there would never be a loss for words or happenings. Back on the diet - Comin & I went to Ozarks today but did we stuff ourselves on the way to the docto - it was really a shame. My main thought right now go with Tommie, I know he's very disturbed about registration

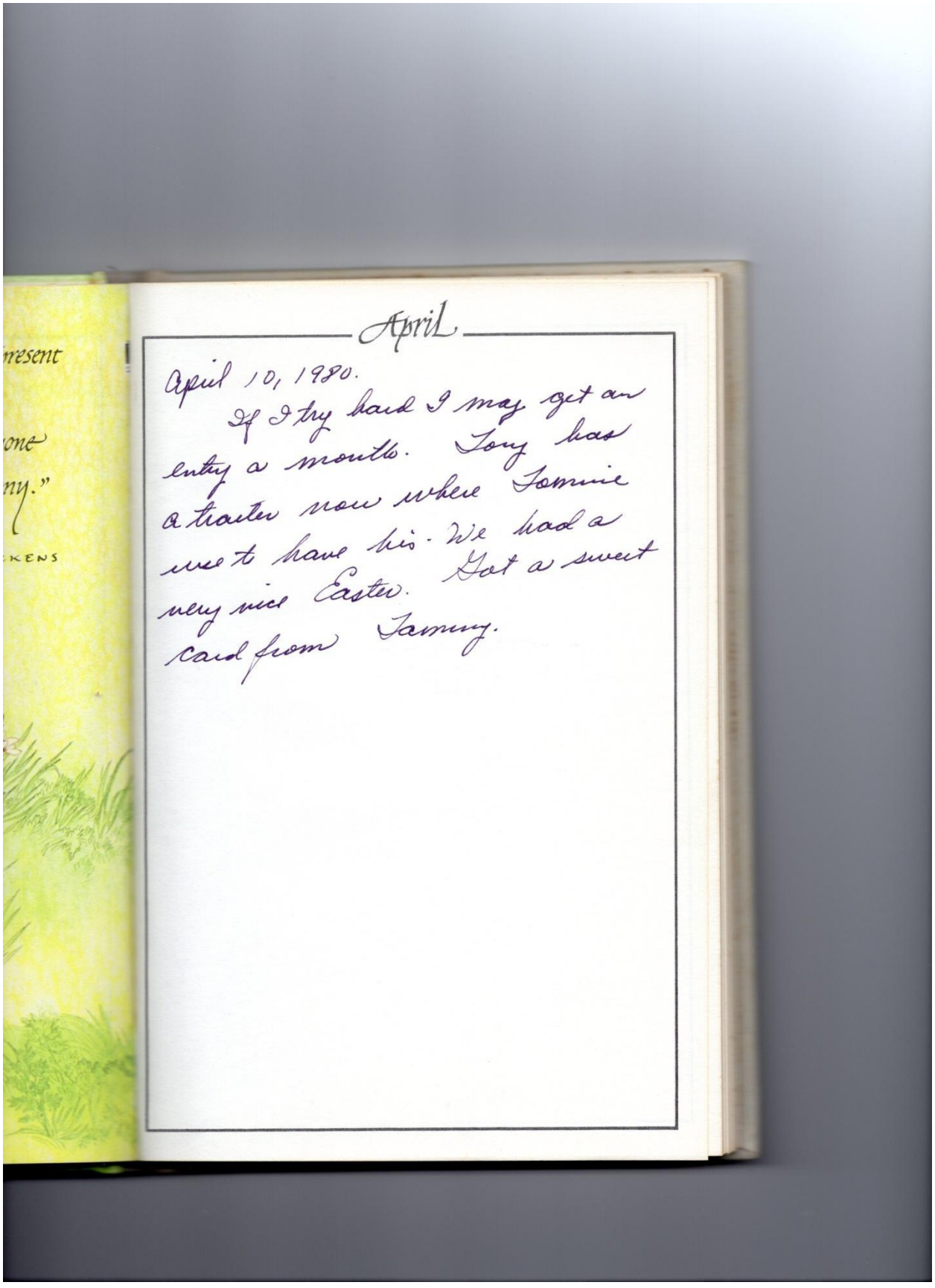
for the draft. - Its being put back into motion sometime next month. The draft hasn't been brought back yet but I'm sure it will. Right now he needs God - he's the one to talk too - to straighten out in his own mind the right or wrong of his life and what best to do with it I feel completely helpless - as there's nothing I can do except pray and leave the rest in the hands of the Lord. Tonys has already served I doubt he'll have to go back in for awhile.



March

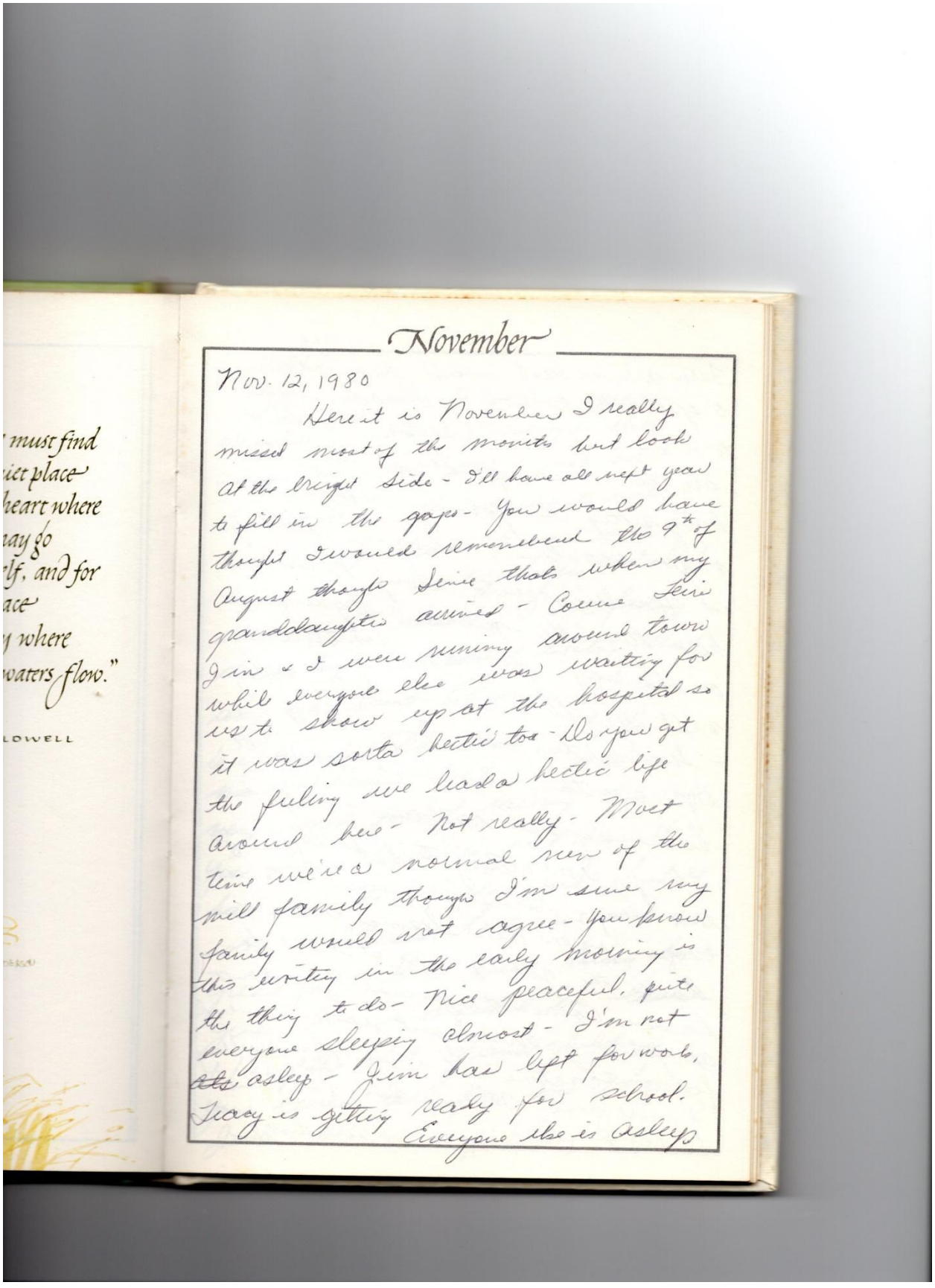
March 10, 1980

Well Tommie working in Pensacola + has an apartment over there. Kinda lonesome around here. Seems strange with so many around yet to be lonesome but take one away and a void is still there.



April

April 10, 1980.
If I try hard I may get an entry a month. Tony has a trailer now where Jamie use to have his. We had a very nice Easter. Got a sweet card from Tammy.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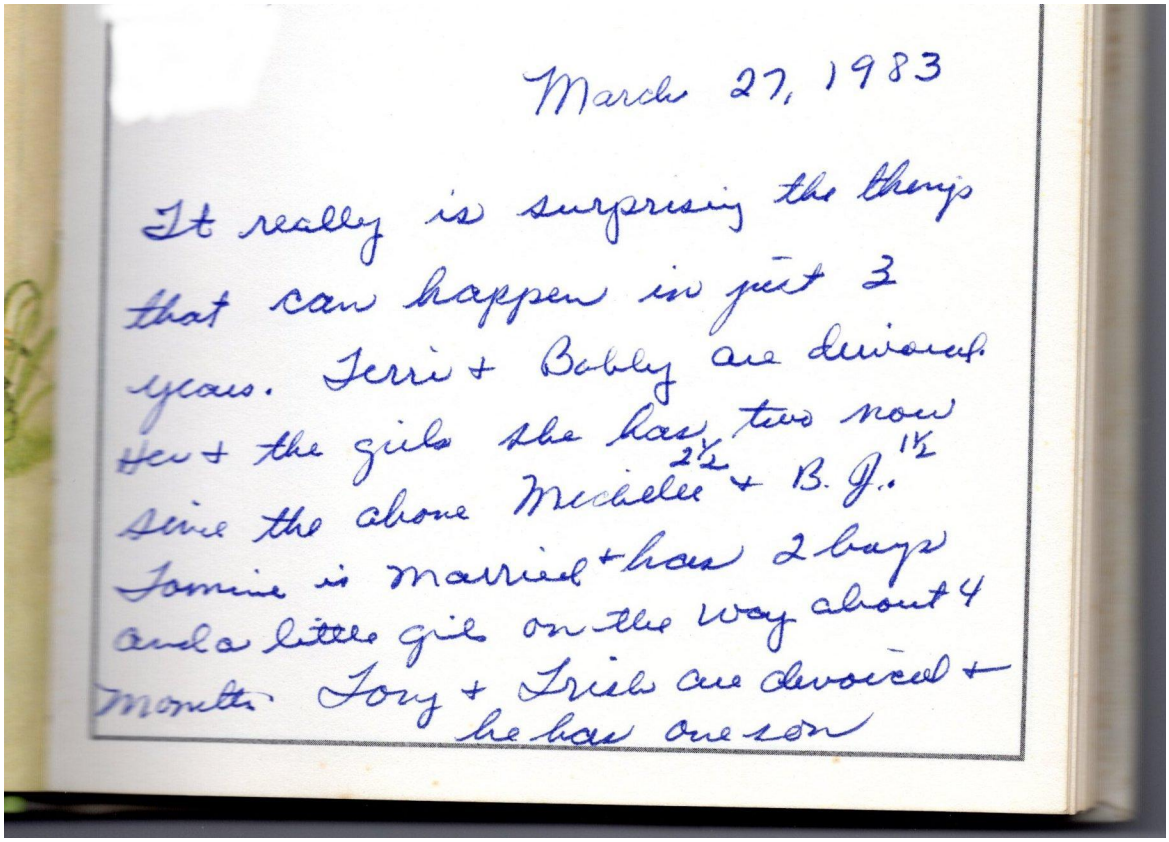
November

Nov. 12, 1980

Here it is November I really missed most of the months but look at the bright side - I'll have all next year to fill in the gaps - You would have thought I would remember the 9th of August though since that's when my granddaughter arrived - Course Lois & Jim & I were running around town while everyone else was waiting for us to show up at the hospital so it was sorta hectic too - Do you get the feeling we had a hectic life around here - Not really - Most time we're a normal run of the mill family though I'm sure my family would not agree - You know this writing in the early morning is the thing to do - Nice peaceful, quiet everyone sleeping almost - I'm not ~~the~~ asleep - Jim has left for work, Tracy is getting ready for school. Everyone else is asleep

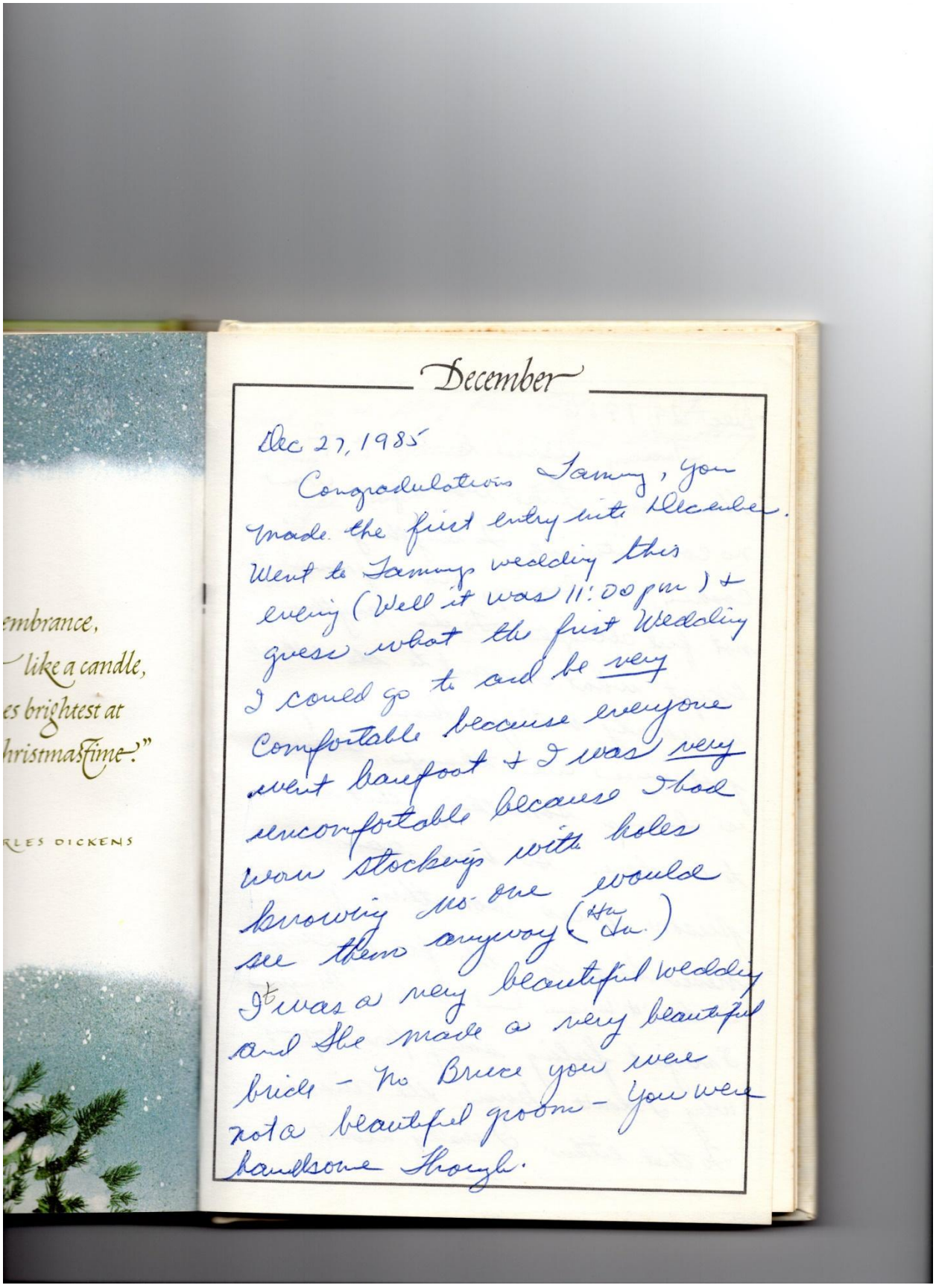
Fern arrived last week from Illinois to spend the winter - Already had to messer of cat fish too. We don't see too much of Tonya she's baby sitting two jobs + spends the night sometime - Tammy working at Handel's now - Tony's married has two little girl and a grandson on the way - probably sometime next Month. Tommie dating Kathy + she has two little boys - So I expect within the next year I'll have 6 grand children - 3 girls 3 boys. I'm getting tired pretty easy these days - Guess old man time is creeping up on me - Seems I don't have the get up + go I used to have - Course I guess you don't as years go on. I just get these weird feelings sometime - Oh well - Lord willing it will pass - Always does + it time to start waking the household



March 27, 1983

It really is surprising the things that can happen in just 3 years. Terri + Bobby are divorced. She + the girls she has two now since the above Michelle 2½ + B. J. 1½ Jamie is married + has 2 boys and a little girl on the way about 4 months. Tony + Trish are divorced + he has one son

Michael. He has custody of him
Tammy has graduated, going to
OWSC + working + living in
Niceville. Tonya is in her last
year of school + engaged to be
married in June. Tracy is
in the 6th grade + doing well.



December

Dec 27, 1985

Congradulations Tammy, you made the first entry into December. Went to Tammys wedding this evening (Well it was 11:00 pm) + guess what the first Wedding I could go to and be very Comfortable because everyone went barefoot + I was very uncomfortable because I had worn stockings with holes browing in one would see them anyway (Ha Ha) It was a very beautiful wedding and She made a very beautiful bride - No Bruce you were not a beautiful groom - You were handsome though.

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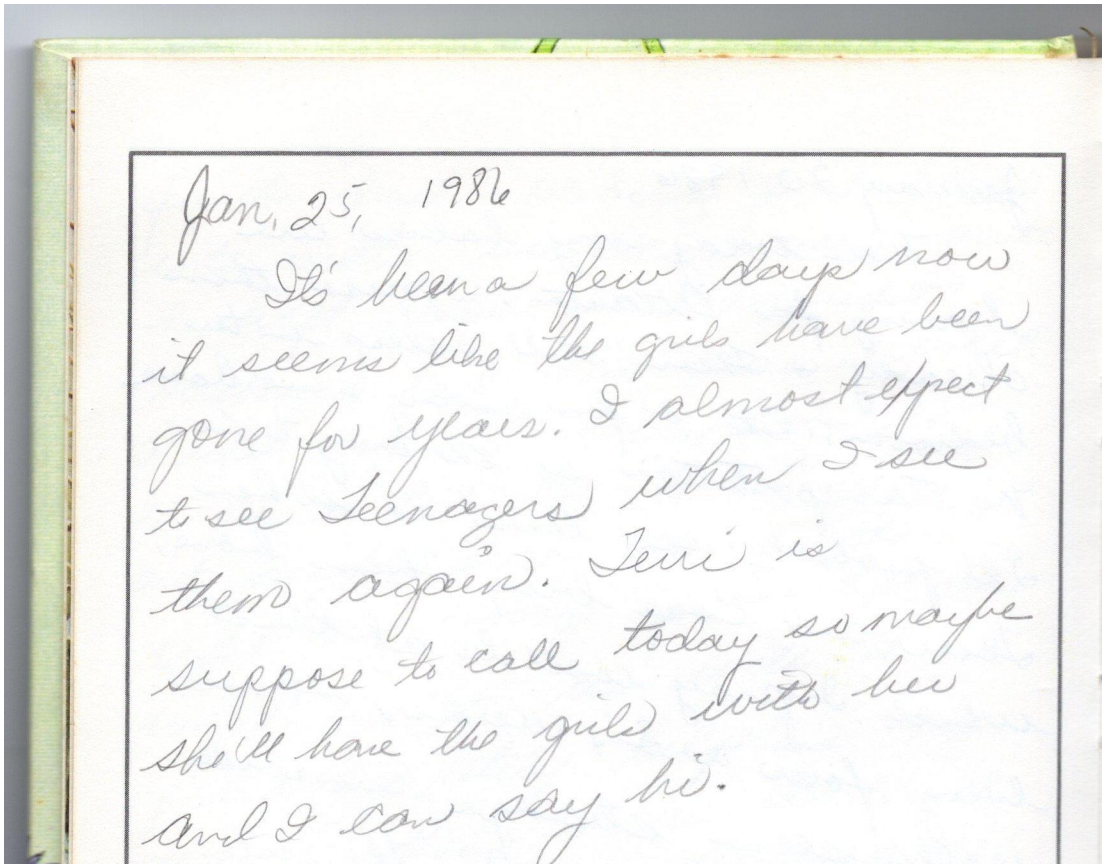
January 20, 1986

Well today my babies are leaving for Atlanta. I miss them already + their still asleep in the bedroom. Its so far away + we have no transportation so the only time I'll probably see them is when Terri and Cobe bring them home, which I pray will be at least every four or six weeks. It will really seem strange here with just Jeim, Tracy + I. The girls need to be with their Mom not with me just because I miss them.



Jan. 25, 1986

It's been a few days now it seems like the girls have been gone for years. I almost expect to see teenagers when I see them again. Teri is suppose to call today so maybe she'll have the girls with her and I can say hi.

"It takes a very long time to become young."

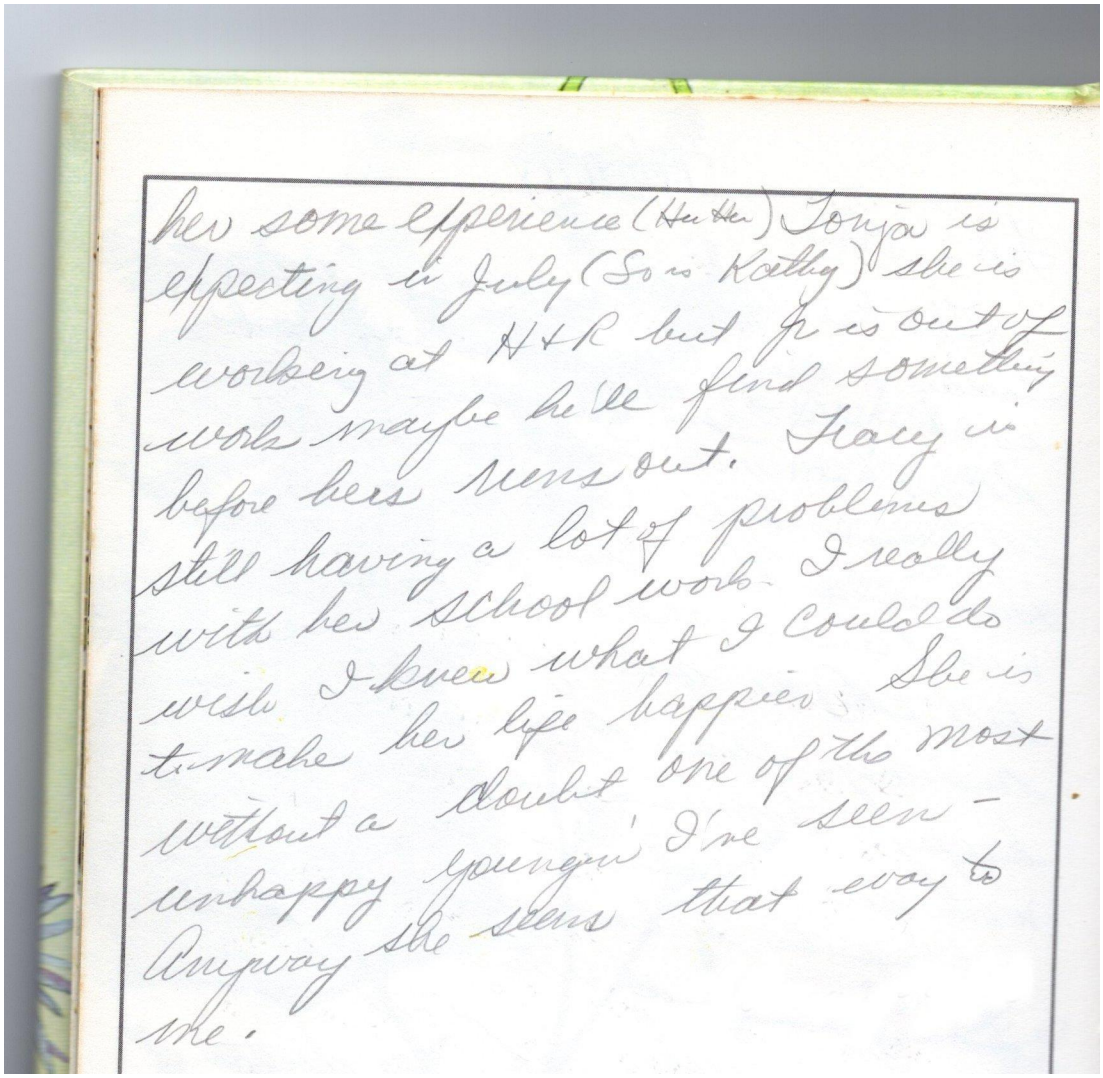
PICASSO



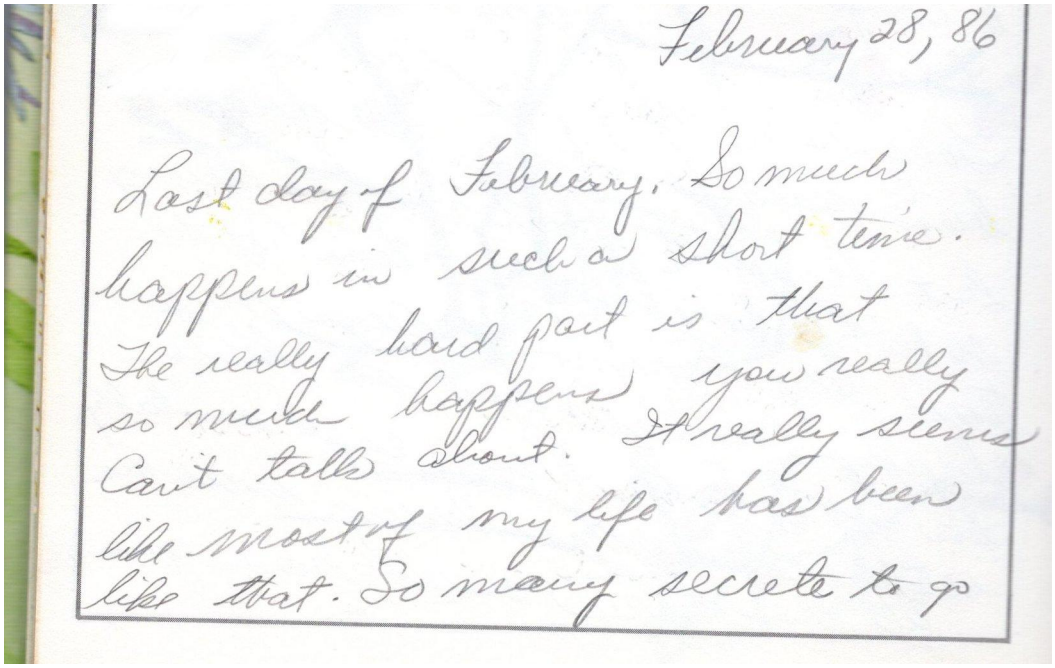
February

Feb 2, 1986

The Pro bowl is being played today + things are slow at work so I'm watching the game. Got a dollar bet with Tommie. Update on all kids: Teri, Cobe + Jude are in Gainesville Ga. Been gone about 2 weeks and I still miss them. I talked to the girls yesterday though and they sure sounded good + happy. Tommie went back to work for Cossons + will be going to Computer School the end of February. Good advance for him. Tony isn't doing so well. He has been released from the doctor but he can't go back to driving so he's picking up part-time at the truck stop. Tammy seems very happy (married) and she loves her job with the handi cap + mentally retarded. I guess living with me all those years could have given



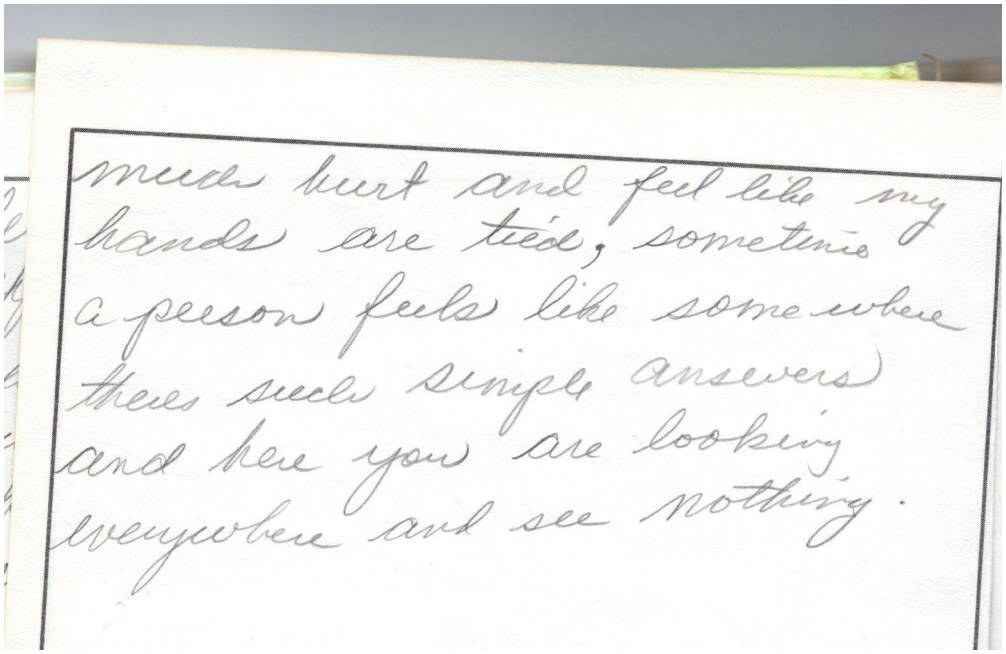
her some experience (Hunter) Tonja is expecting in July (Son is Kathy) She is working at H+R but it is out of work maybe he'll find something before her mens out. Tracy is still having a lot of problems with her school work. I really wish I knew what I could do to make her life happier. She is without a doubt one of the most unhappy youngin' I've seen - Anyway she seems that way to me.



February 28, 86

Last day of February. So much happens in such a short time. The really hard part is that so much happens you really can't talk about. It really seems like most of my life has been like that. So many secrets to go

with me when I go but I guess I wouldn't have it any other way. It just seems like sometimes maybe things wouldn't seem the same if they could be spoken - not that anyone has any answers - or that any answers are needed. It just seems like so much needs to be said and there's no one to say it too. Bunch of jibberish I know but I know this won't be read until I'm gone and maybe in my own way it will let all the kids know that I did my best in the only way I knew how because I loved each and everyone of them much more then most of them will ever be able to comprehend. It really destroys me sometimes to see so


much hurt and feel like my
hands are tied, sometimes
a person feels like somewhere
there such simple answers
and here you are looking
everywhere and see nothing.

"A bird does not sing because he has an answer, sings because he has a song."

INESE PROVERB



September

Sept 23, 1986

How much can one take. I know the Bible says that God will never put more on you then what you can carry but sometimes it feels like he's overloading us. I know he never lets us go it alone but the road seems so long sometimes you began to wonder when and where it will end. I just feel helpless sometime you know like you just want to give up. Like they say though you can look around you and you'll see you're not so bad off. I know God will see us through and I know with his help we'll make it but I'm so tired.

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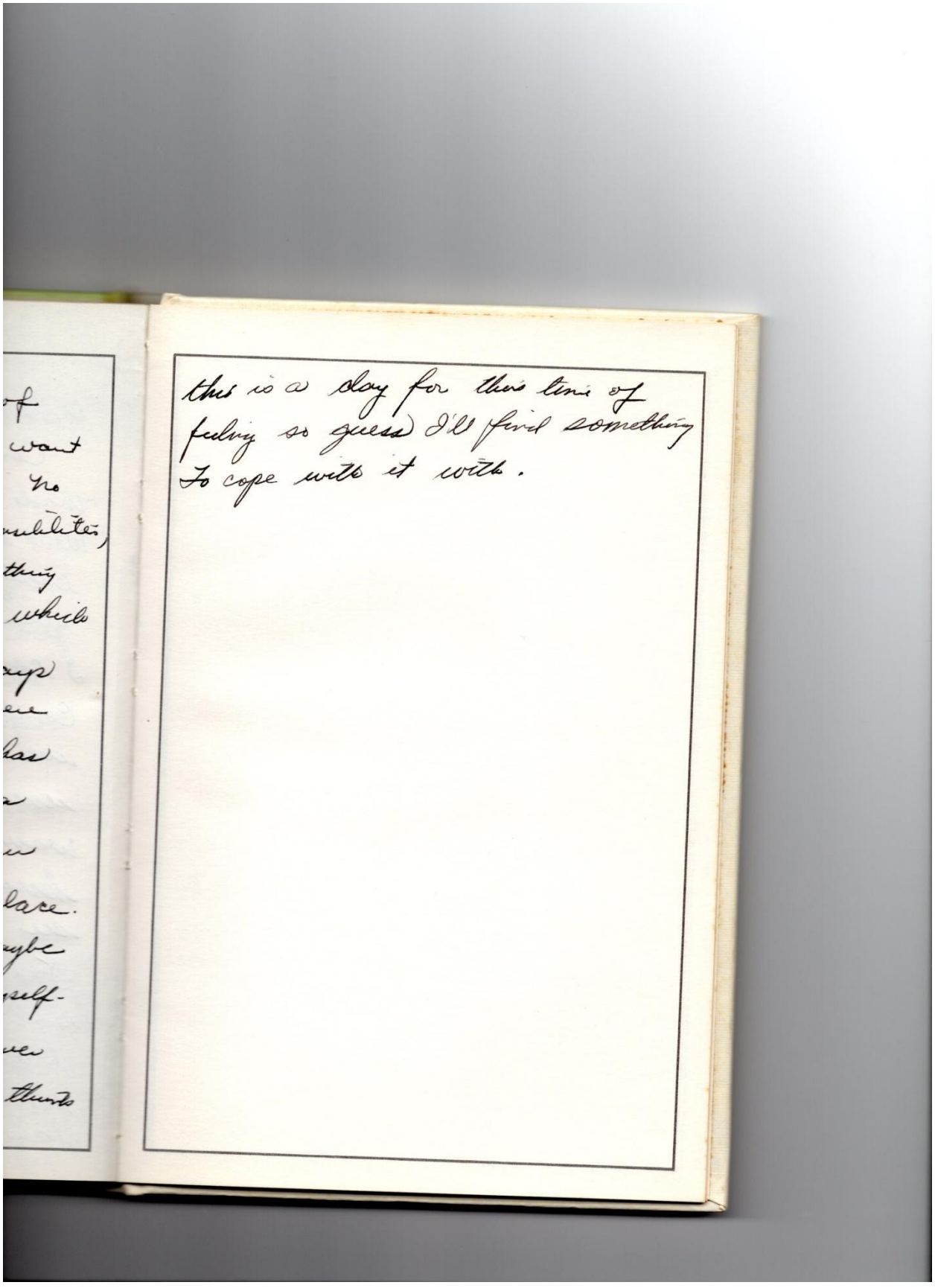
NOV 16, 1986

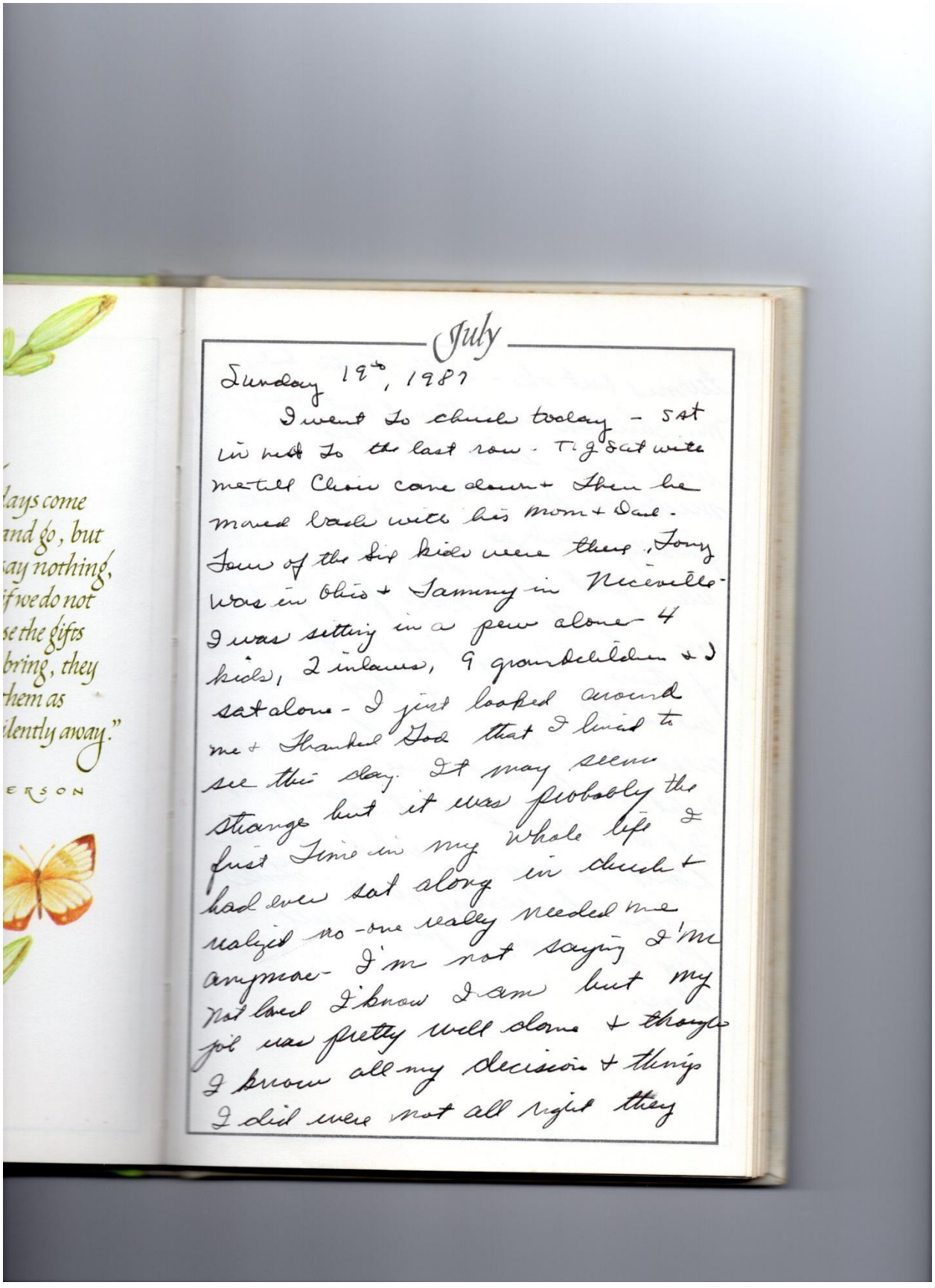
It's really nice to be alone once in the while - Jim's hunting, Tracy is still asleep - Sum on the stairs + just sat + listen + think - Then decided to write a little mainly because I was on a crying verge + writing helps control it, when music doesn't. I was feeling down but instead of writing that way lets count Blessings. I have 6 wonderful Children who love me + I know that. I did a very good job of raising them all. Yes Tracy too. He's just hasn't had time to develop yet, but it will + I believe Lord, we did a great job. Then these kids have given me wonderful in-laws + 12 of the best grandchildren you could ask for and I have Jim, He's always there no

matter how tough life gets + believe me it gets tough. Really we feel like we have a lot of problems, but they mostly come back to financial + with people around who love you, those can be worked out and handled. I have a Mom + Dad who love me, Brothers, Sisters, Friends - the members are so great when you really stop to count that its really not so bad when ~~the only~~ most of the problems you can add up come back to financial - Thank you Lord - I can handle it now.

Dec 29, 1986

Today seems to be one of those days. Like when you want no commitments to anything. No cooking, no cleaning, no responsibilities, not feel obligated to do anything except what I want to do which is usually nothing. Those days just never are though. There is always something that has to be done. So how can a person miss something you never had in the first place. I don't know but I do. Maybe I'm just feeling sorry for myself. Why I don't know the answer to that either. I really don't think


this is a day for this kind of feeling so guess I'll find something to cope with it with.



July

Sunday 19th, 1987

I went to church today - sat in next to the last row - Tiz sat with metal Chair came down + then he moved back with his mom + Dad. Four of the six kids were there, Tony was in Ohio + Tammy in Nicevill. I was sitting in a pew alone - 4 kids, 2 inlaws, 9 grandchildren + I sat alone - I just looked around me + thanked God that I lived to see this day. It may seem strange but it was probably the first time in my whole life I had ever sat along in church + realized no-one really needed me anymore - I'm not saying I'm not loved I know I am but my job was pretty well done + though I know all my decisions + things I did were not all right they

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July 15, 199

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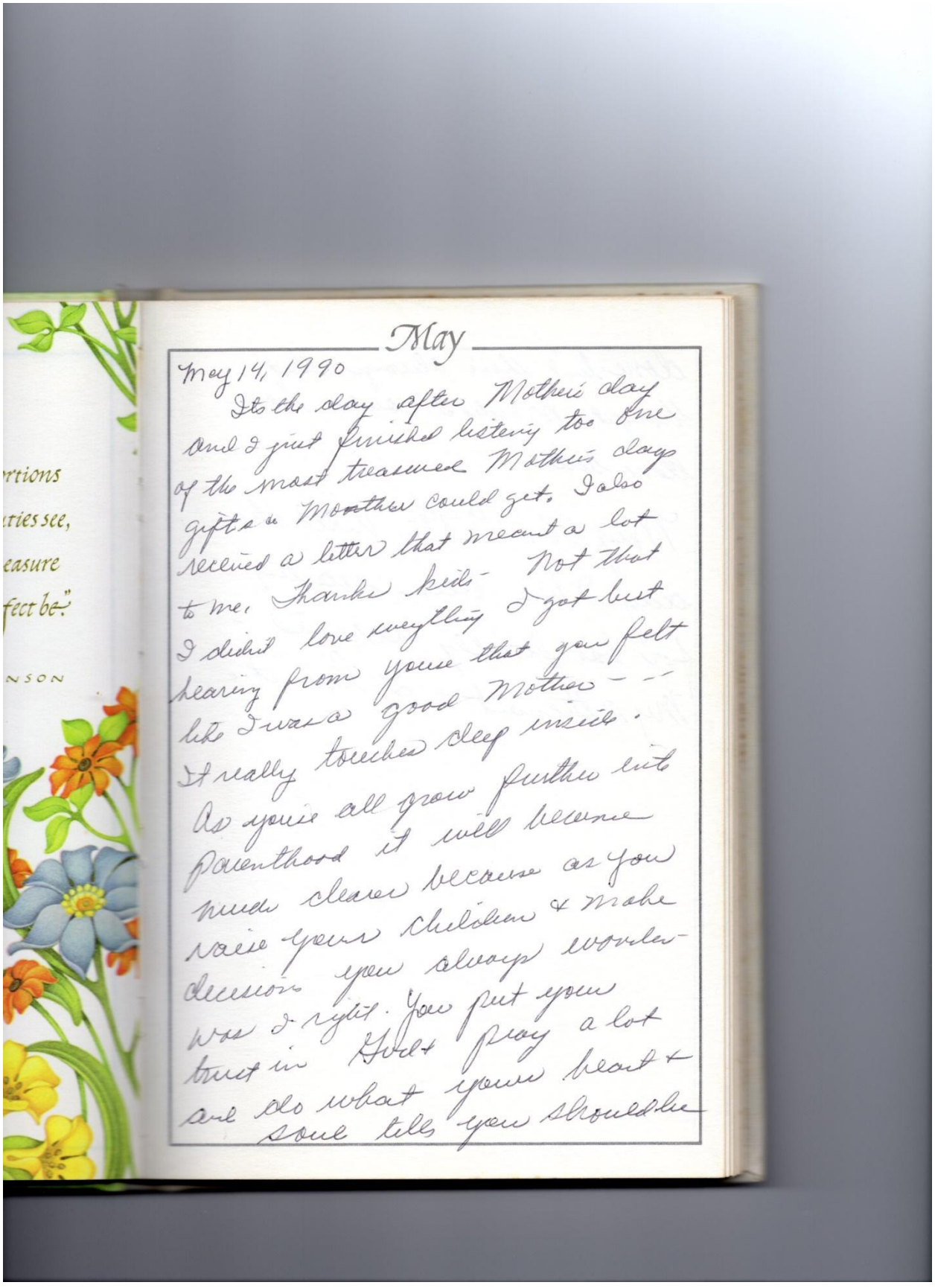
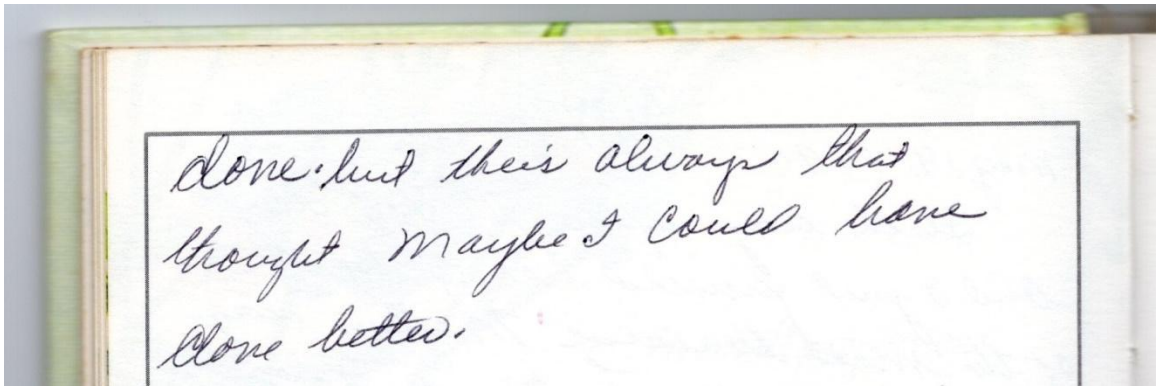


May

May 14, 1990

Its the day after Mothers day and I just finished listening to one of the most treasured Mothers days gifts a Mother could get. I also received a letter that meant a lot to me. Thanks kids- Not that I didnt love everything I got but hearing from yous that you felt like I was a good Mother -- It really touches deep inside.

As yous all grow further into parenthood it will become much clearer because as you raise your children & make decisions you always wonder was I right. You put your trust in God & pray a lot and do what your heart & soul tells you shouldbe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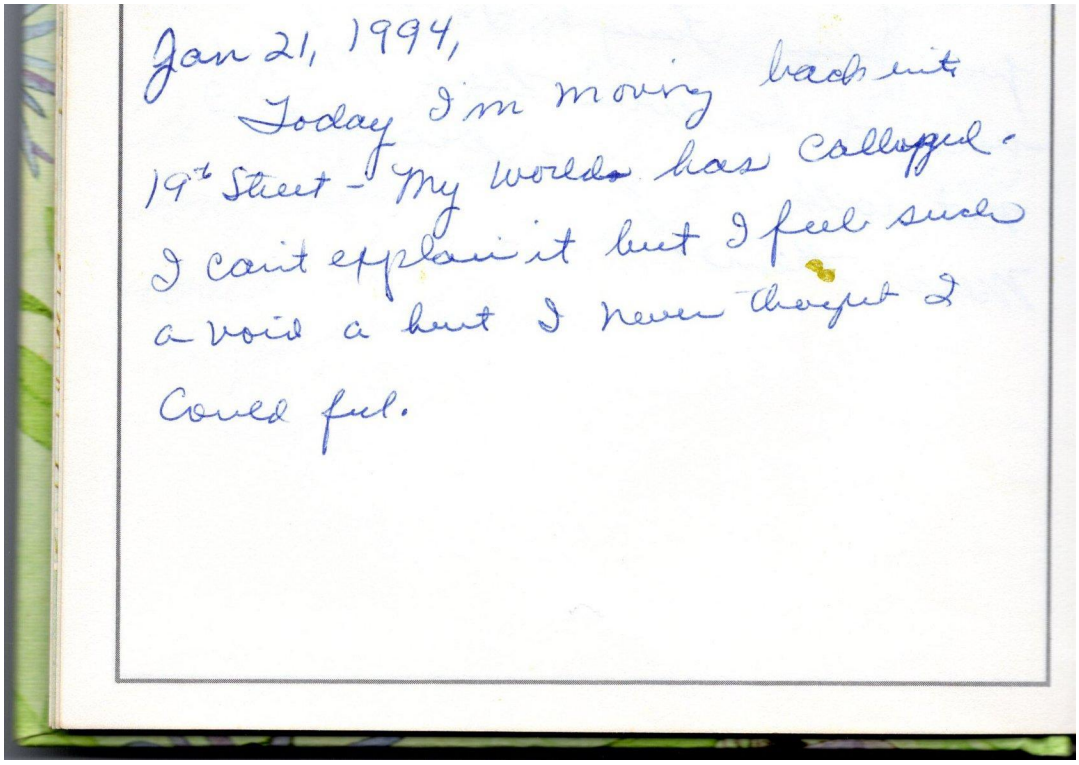
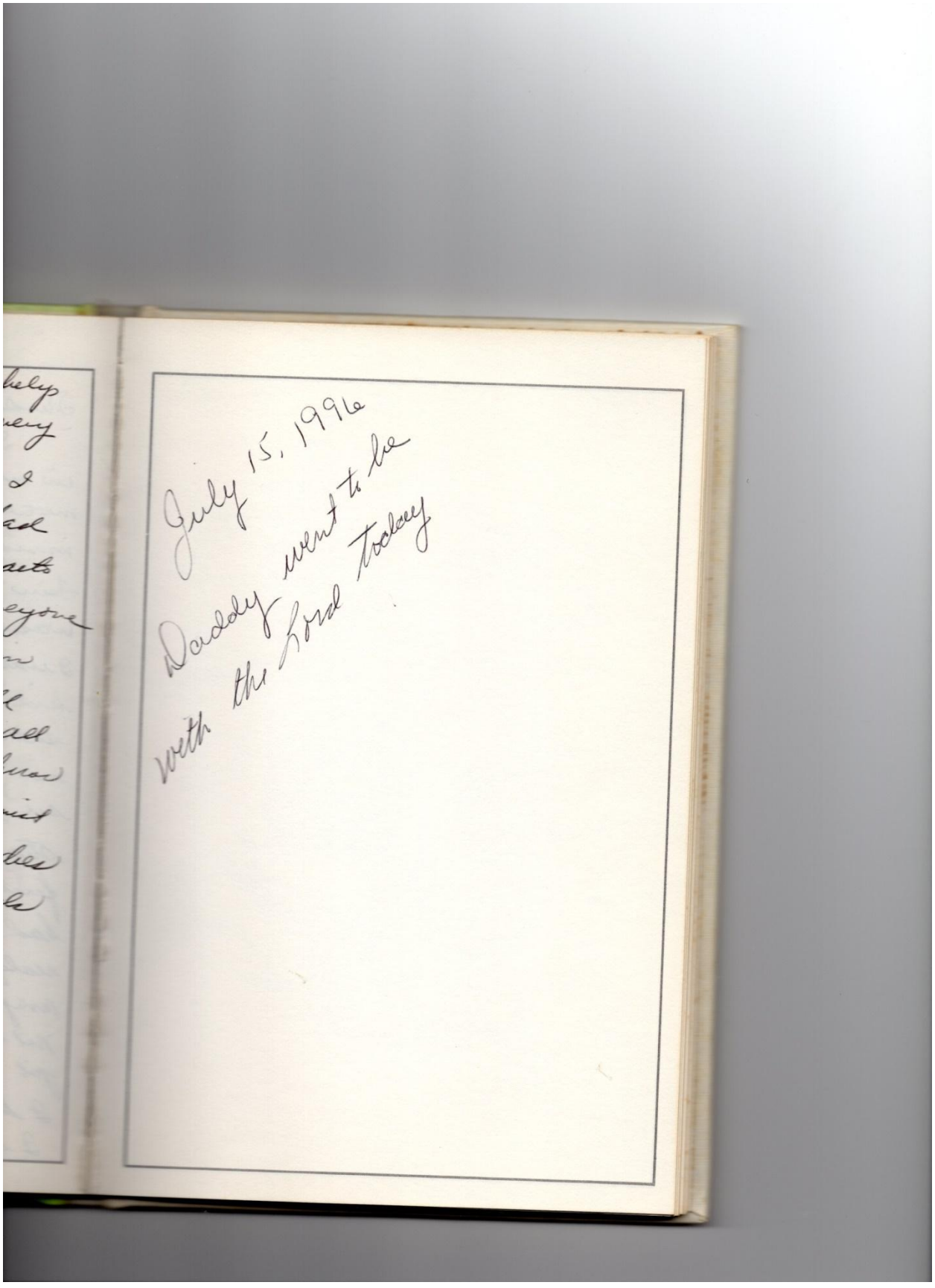


Jan 21, 1994,

Today I'm moving back into 19th Street - My world has collapsed. I can't explain it but I feel such a void a hurt I never thought I could feel.


July 15, 1996
Daddy went to be
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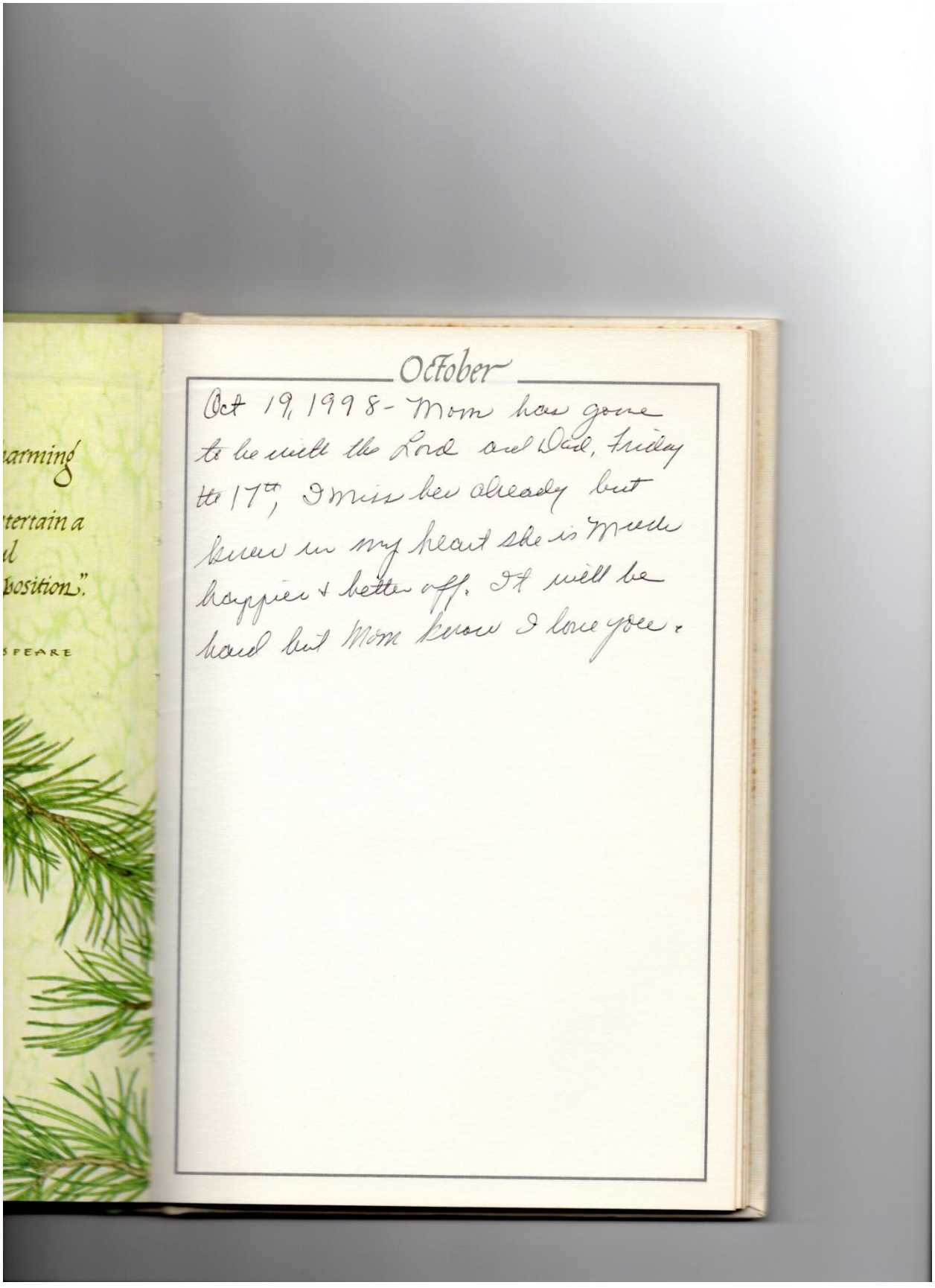
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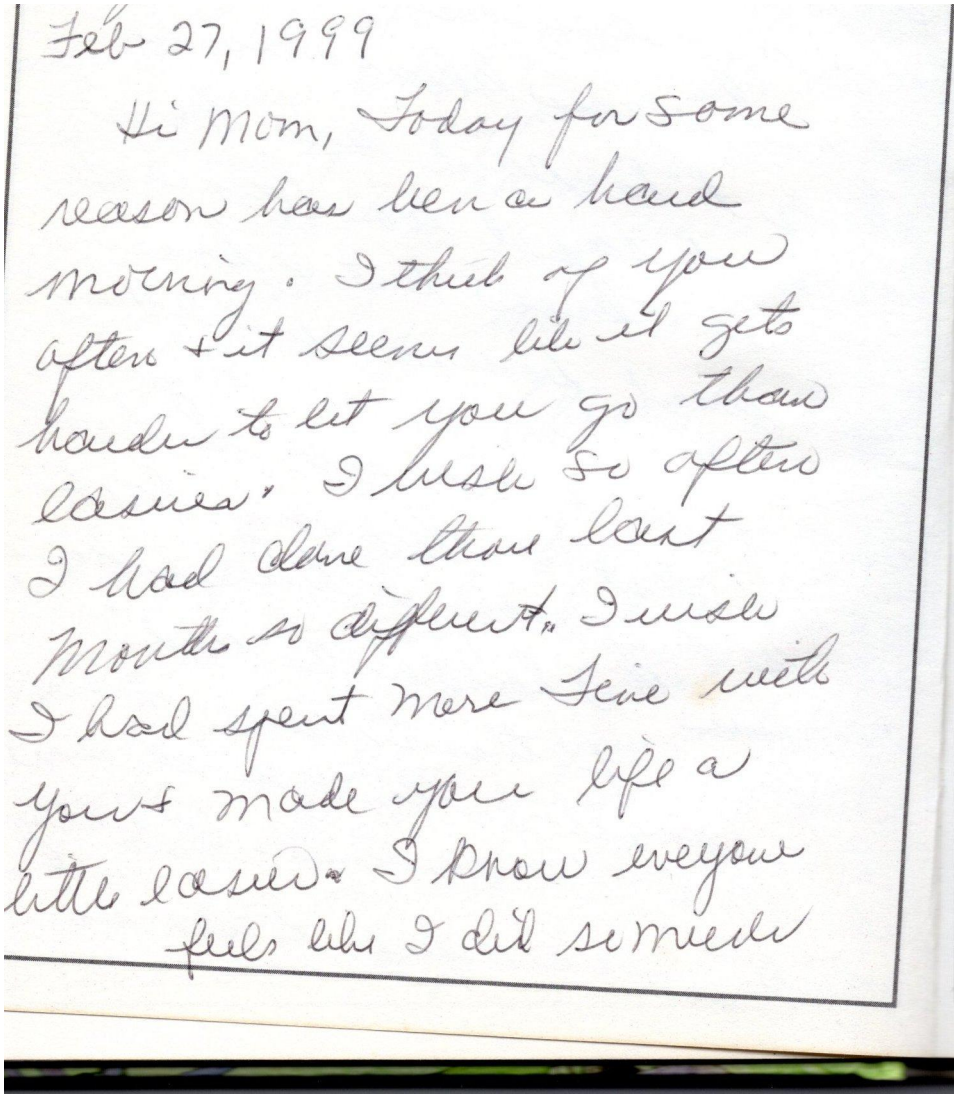
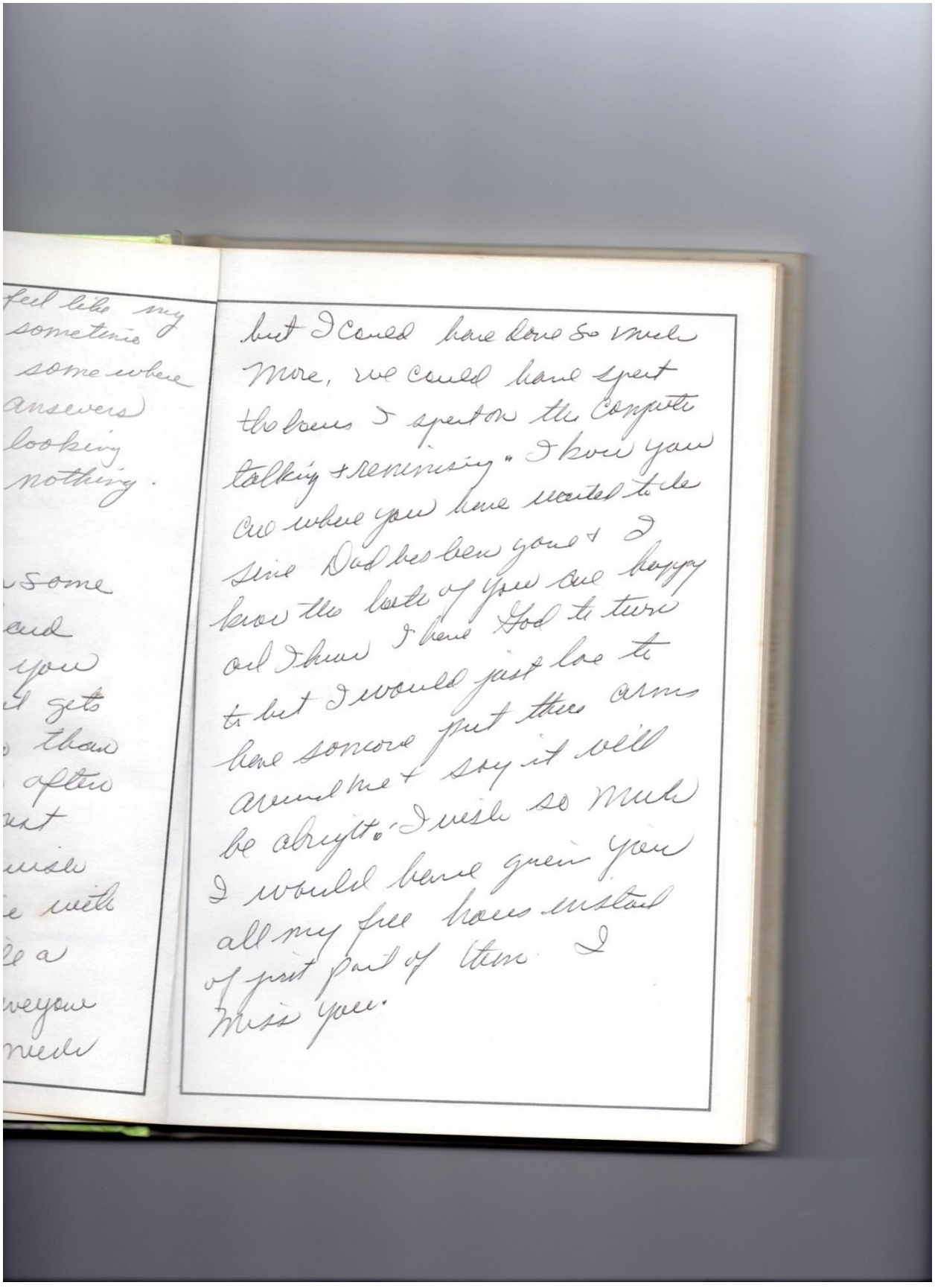
Oct 19, 1998 - Mom has gone to be with the Lord and Dad, Friday the 17th, I miss her already but know in my heart she is much happier + better off. It will be hard but Mom know I love you.



Feb 27, 1999

Hi Mom, Today for some reason has been a hard morning. I think of you often + it seems like it gets harder to let you go than before. I wish so often I had done that last month so different. I wish I had spent more time with you + made your life a little easier. I know everyone feels like I did so much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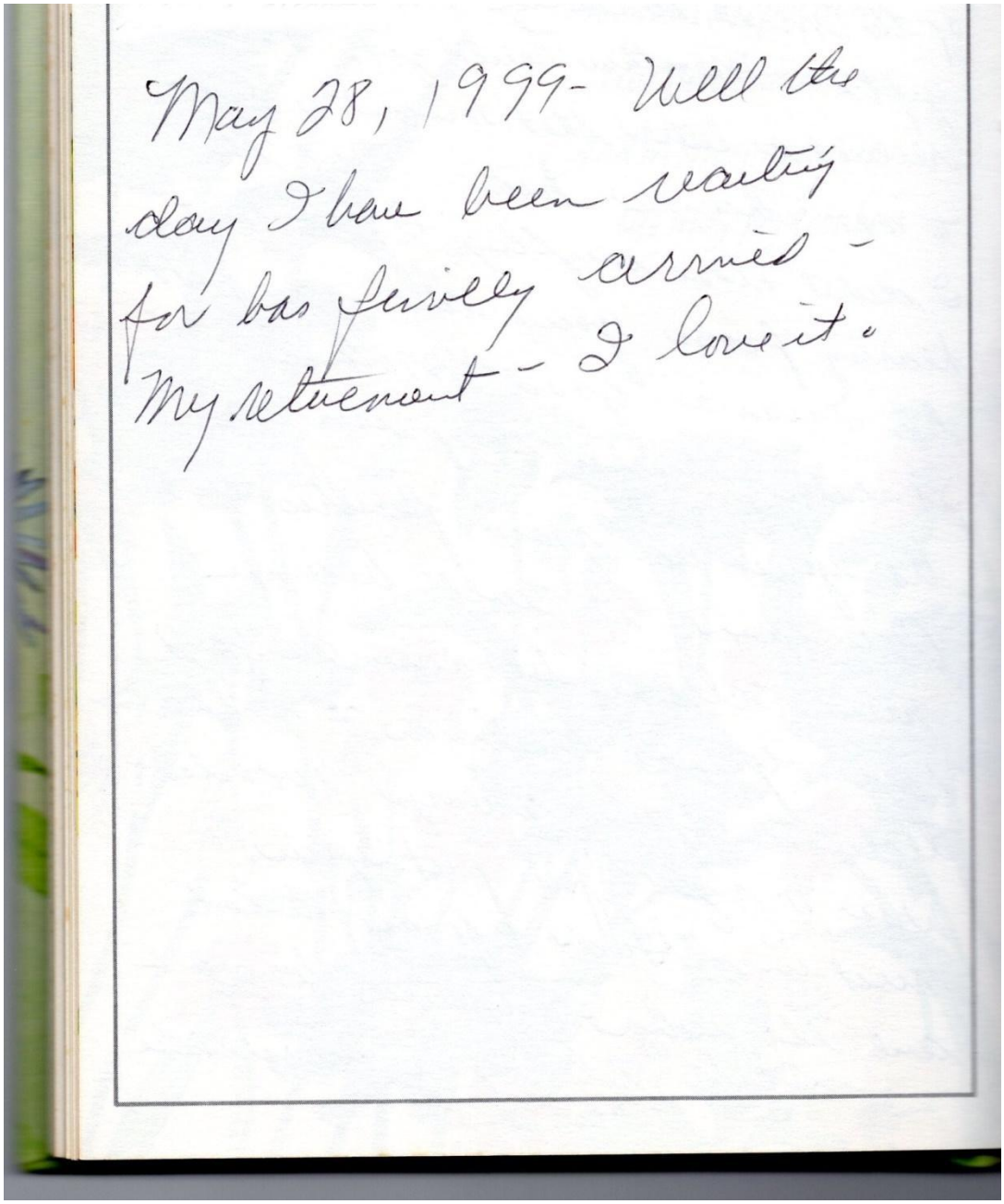
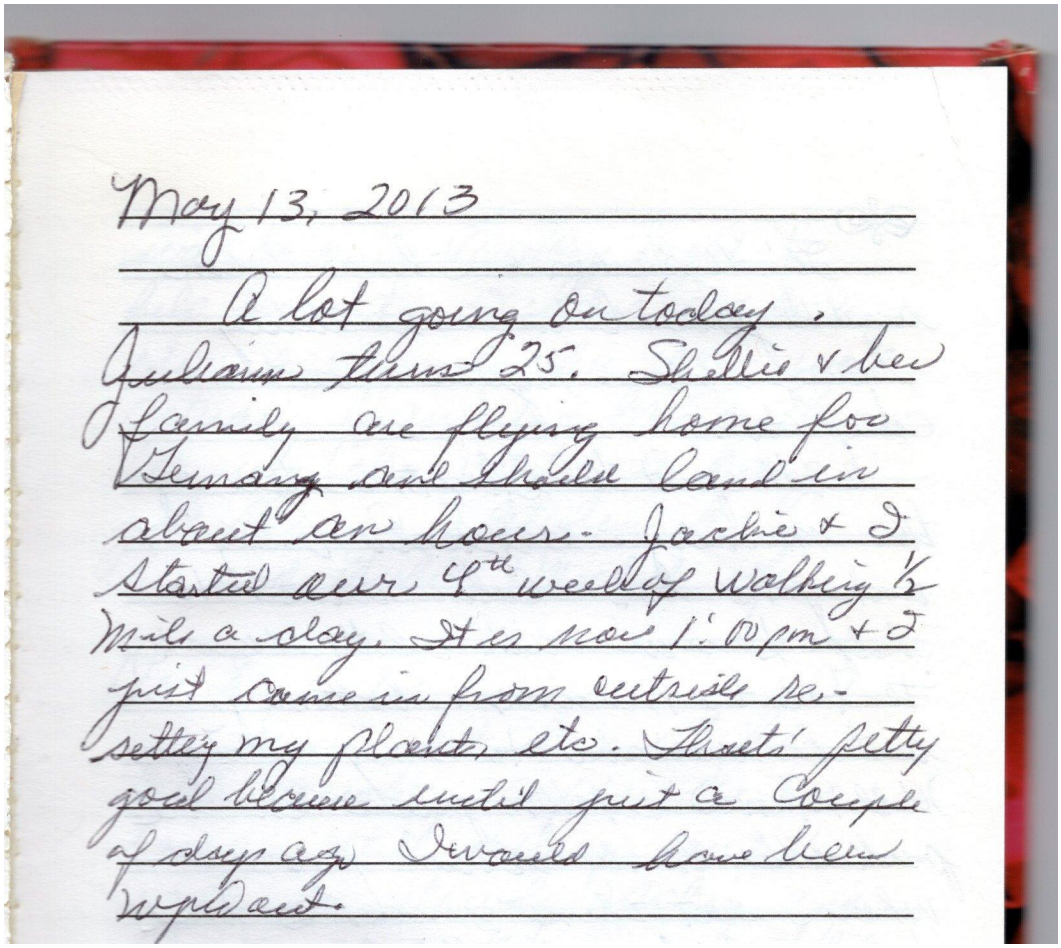

May 28, 1999- Well the day I have been waiting for has finally arrived - My retirement - I love it.

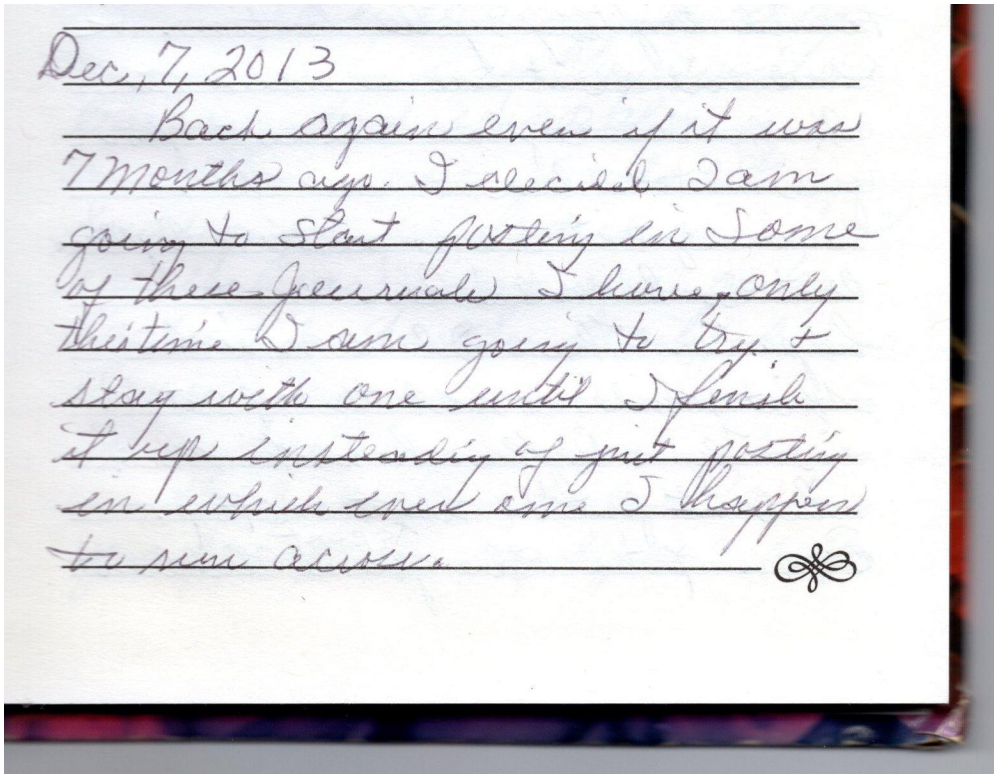
Sept 1, 1999

This last week has been hard for some reason. I miss Mom + Dad a lot. Each day I felt like I needed to call and check up on them or would think at the day done - I'll just go over + tell Mom + Dad about what happened - It's been a hard week but it seems to be coming to an end.



May 13, 2013

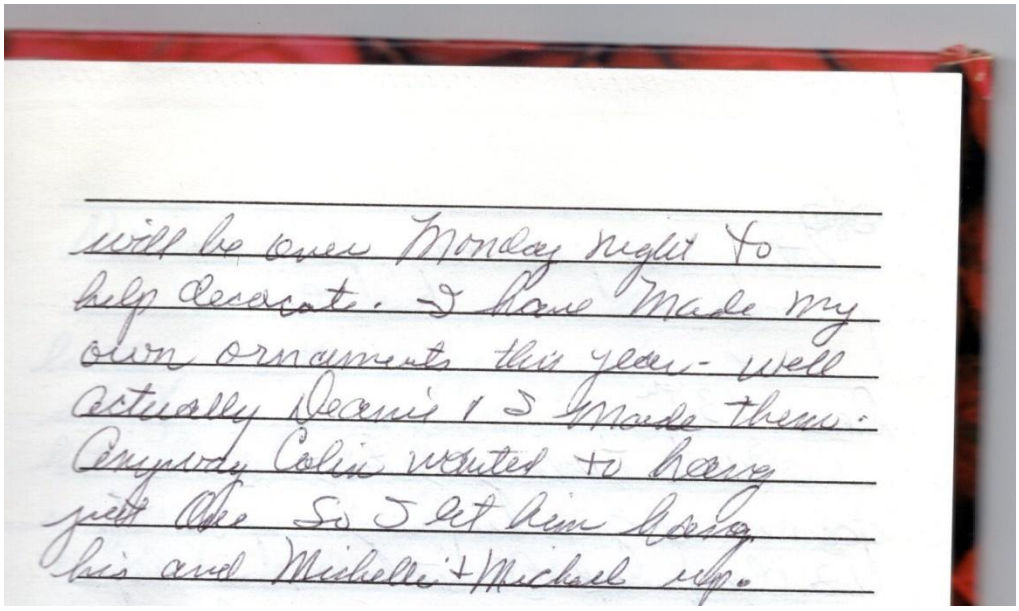
A lot going on today. Julianna turns 25. Shellie & her family are flying home for Tuesday and should land in about an hour. Jackie & I started our 4th week of walking ½ mile a day. It is now 1:00 pm & I just came in from outside re-setting my plants etc. That's pretty good I guess until just a couple of days ago I wasn't sure I would be up and


Dec, 7, 2013

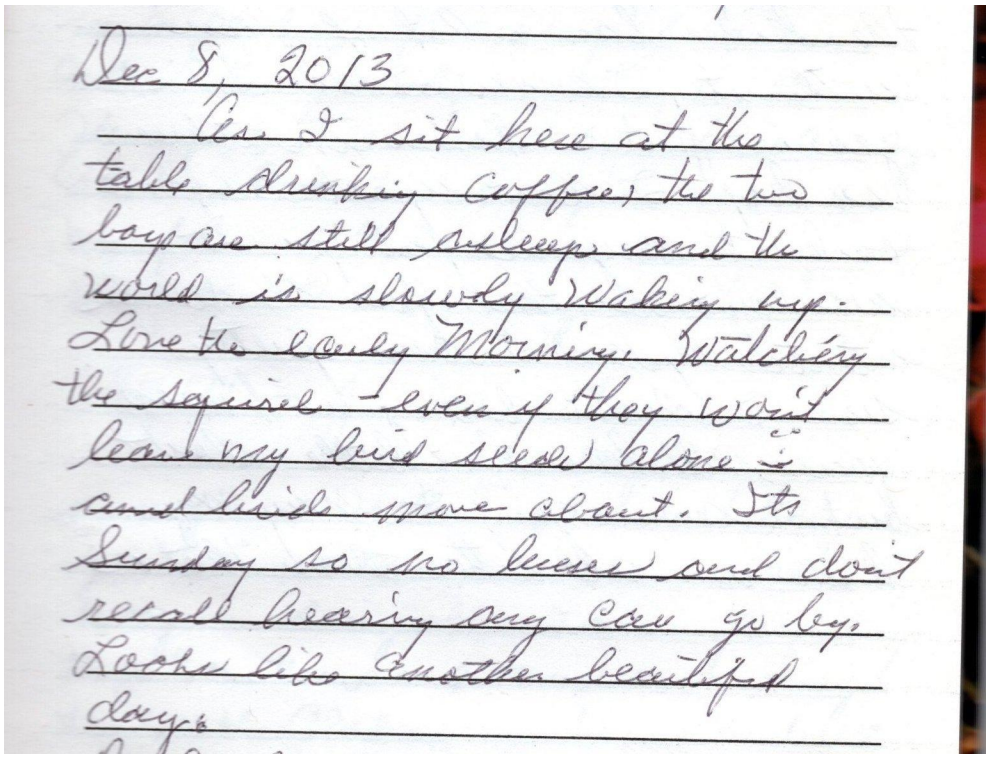
Back again even if it was 7 months ago. I decided I am going to start posting in some of these Journals I have. Only this time I am going to try & stay with one until I finish it up instead of just posting in which ever one I happen to run across.

It's 11:30 AM + I have Colin and Dylan. Colin is watching sponge bob + Dylan is on the computer.

We put the Christmas tree up this morning. I started taking it out of the box + Colin wanted to help. He was still a little small to lift the middle + bottom piece but he was able to carry the Top. Well when I set the pieces in he pulled the limbs down for me + when I sat them inside. I had trouble tightening up the bottom. He could do it so he said it's OK Mema Dylan can do it for you. I told him it was OK I would get it and he insisted Dylan do it so he called him in to help. :). Then I held on to his shirt while we set the top out in. Then Dylan held his shirt while he put the carpet on top. Some of the other great Children

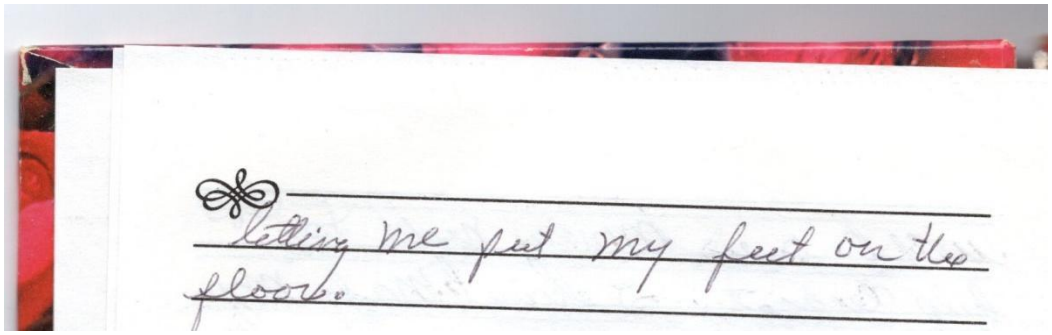


will be over Monday night to help decorate. I have made my own ornaments this year - well actually Deanie & I made them. Anybody Colin wanted to hang just like so I let him hang his and Michelle + Michael up.



Dec 8, 2013

Yes. I sit here at the table drinking coffee, the two boys are still asleep and the world is slowly waking up. Love the early Morning. Watching the squirrel - even if they won't leave my bird seed alone - and birds move about. It's Sunday so no buses and don't recall hearing any cars go by. Looks like another beautiful day.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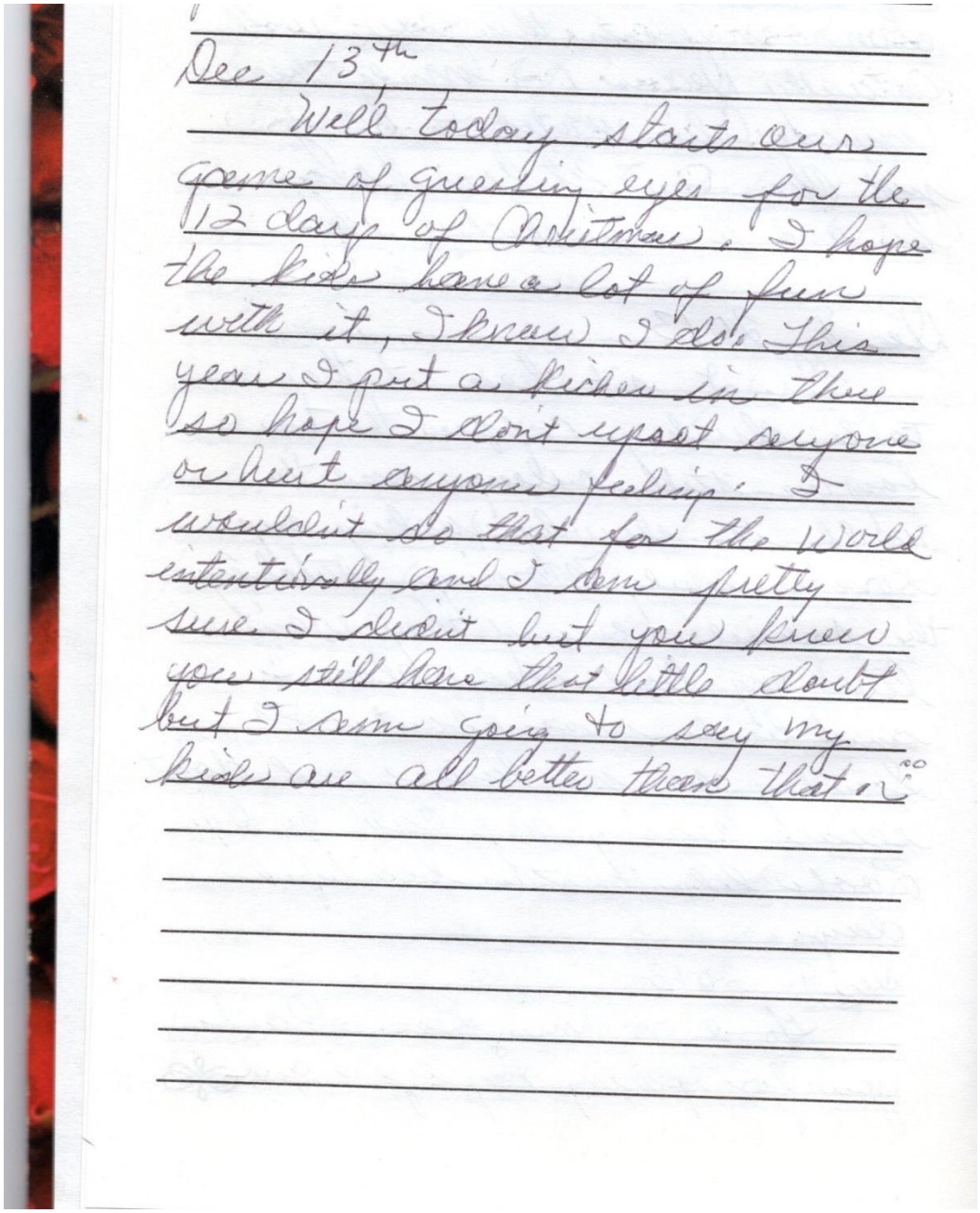
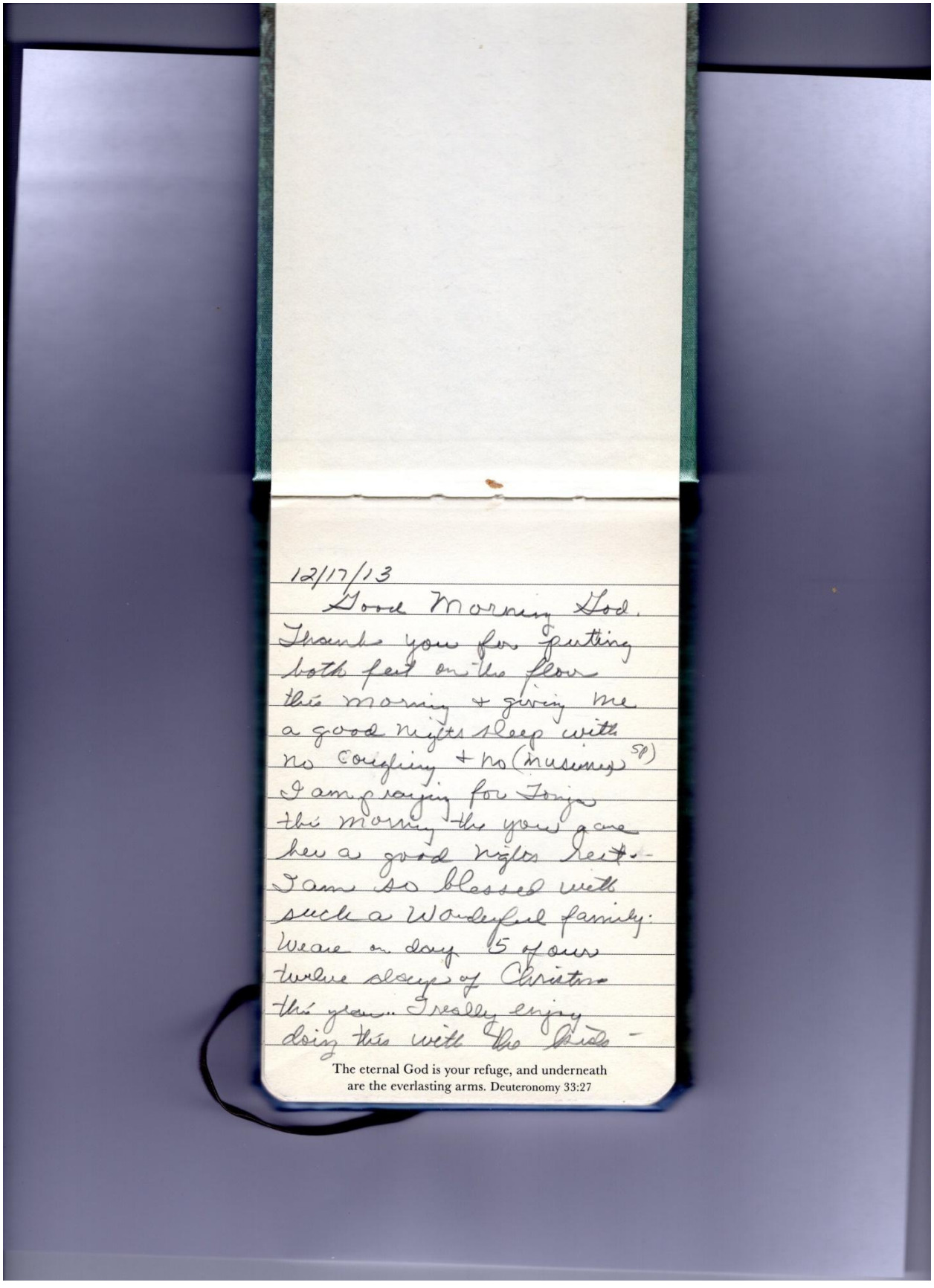


Dec 13th

Well today starts our game of guessing eyes for the 12 days of Christmas. I hope the kids have a lot of fun with it, I know I do. This year I put a picture in there so hope I don't upset anyone or hurt anyone feelings. I wouldn't do that for the world intentionally and I am pretty sure I didn't but you know you still have that little doubt but I am going to say my kids are all better than that :)



12/17/13

Good Morning God.
Thanks you for putting
both feet on the floor
this morning + giving me
a good nights sleep with
no coughing + no (nausea) 58)
I am praying for Tonja
this morning the pain gone
her a good nights rest.
I am so blessed with
such a Wonderful family.
We are on day 5 of our
twelve days of Christmas
this year. I really enjoy
doing this with the Kids -

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath
are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

I think we all have a lot of fun but today I threw a ringer in the mix :: I pray I don't upset anyone and they all think it was as funny as I do. Oh yeah they are doing pretty good at guessing the years but as of day 5 - no one has a right guess on Day 1 - so I guess that's not too bad. Well God, going to enjoy another cup of coffee with you and will continue our conversation over coffee.

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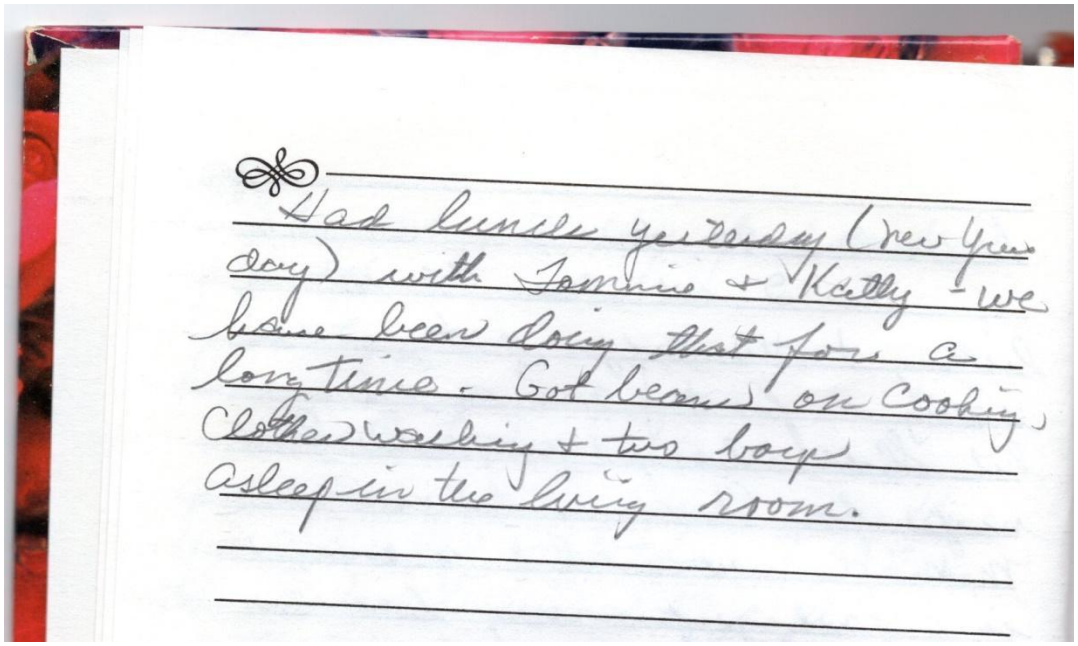
December 20, 2013

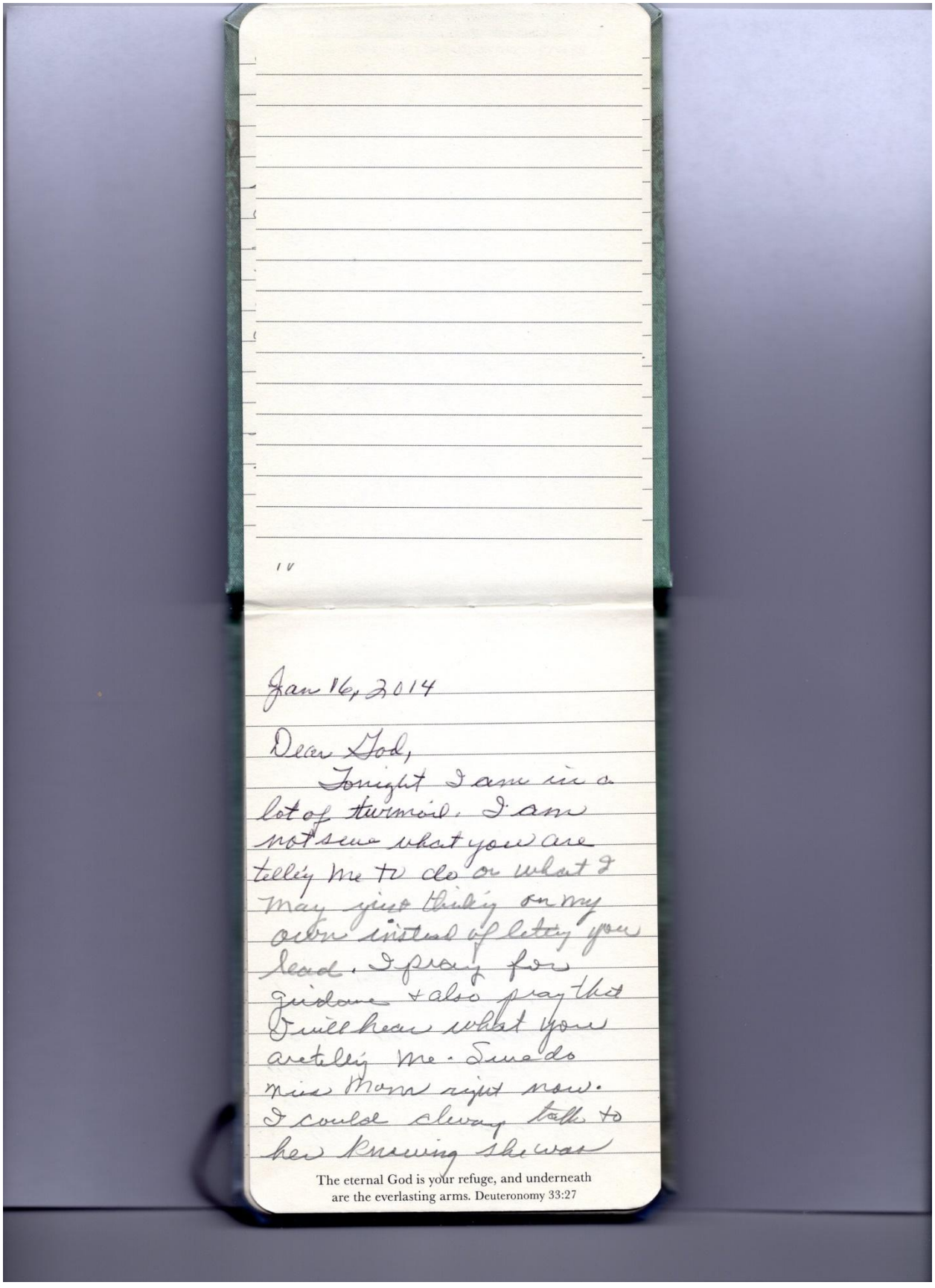
As I set here this morning listening to the coffee pot, I see sitting in front of me a survival kit Shelli brought me over last night for Christmas. It is called McNic's survival kit and in it is a package of emory boards, a sudoku book, Vaseline, Vicks, Vinegar, Tissue, lotion & hard Candy. (LOL) I love it. Brings a smile to my face @ 4:30 this morning. great way to start the day.

2014 – January 2

Here we are beginning a new year. We have had a blessed year in 2013 – No serious illness, everyone doing ok. Tonya preparing to get on the road tomorrow to go to North Alabama, Spend the W/E with Tonya and go over the first of the week to spend Tonya's birthday with her. Trying to surprise her.



Had lunch yesterday (new years day) with Jasmine + Kathy - we have been doing that for a long time. Got beans on cooking, clothes washing + two boys asleep in the living room.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Jan 16, 2014
Dear God,
Tonight I am in a
lot of turmoil. I am
not sure what you are
telling me to do or what I
may just think on my
own instead of letting you
lead. I pray for
guidance + also pray that
I will hear what you
are telling me. I sure do
miss Mom right now.
I could always talk to
her knowing she was
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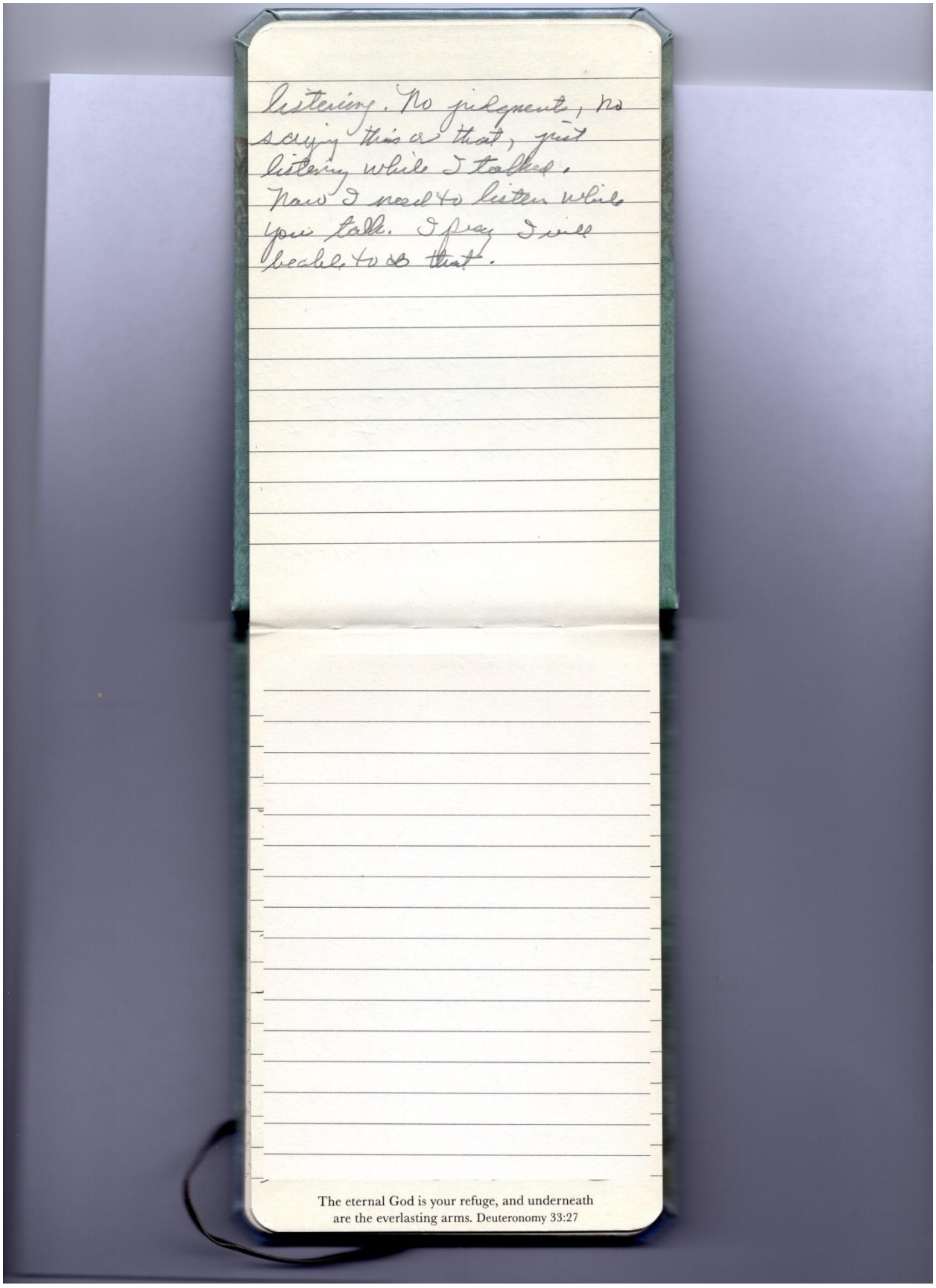
are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27


listening. No judgments, no
saying this or that, just
listening while I talked.
Now I need to listen while
you talk. I pray I will
be able to do that.
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are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

Jan 18, 2014

Well I have lived here now for 20 years and Thank God for every day He has put me here. I was blessed being so close to Mom + Dad + being able to be here with them during the last few years of their life here on earth. You don't always know why things happen but you trust God and know He holds tomorrow. My life is at peace, always some decisions to make but I try hard to stand still and listen. I thank him for all my Children, Grand Children, Great Grandchildren + Great great grandchild.

May 29, 2014

Just got back from taking Deanie to the airport. It is hard knowing not when we may see each other again but I thank God for the time we do get to spend together. Last weekend - (Memorial day weekend) the kids showed up (Tammy in Spirit) :) to redo the kitchen the last room in the house - I know Mom + Dad would be so proud of all of them, but I know when Dad saw them putting that 3rd coat of yellow paint on the kitchen walls he just hung his head + said "babe what are you thinking" LOL - Well Dad all I can say is check out that smile on the lady standing next to you I know it is as big as mine + we love it!

June 16th, 2014

Sitting here at the kitchen table having a cup of morning coffee when a young red bird flew up here to eat. Was just beginning to change colour + about the same time another young one and an adult red bird flew to the wire just above the feeders and it was just like he looked up at them saying Come on there's plenty because the two of them flew down and he flew away. Beautiful to watch.

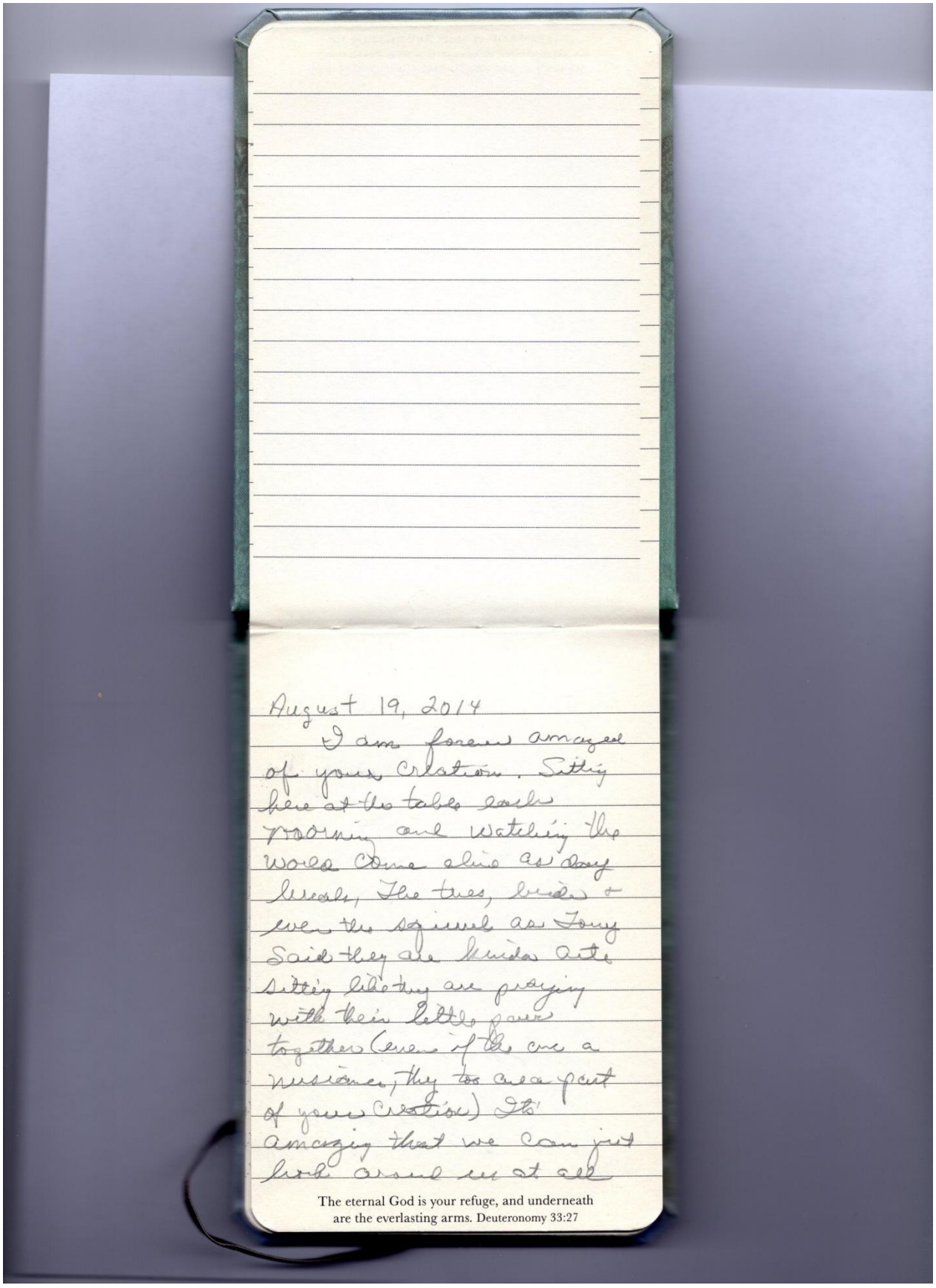
July 2, 2014

Good morning World.
I sometimes sit here having
coffee in the quiet of the morning
and am still very much amazed
at the wonders of God's World +
Creations. I love the early morning
watching the birds + yes even the squirrels
outside the window + marvel at



July 4, 2014

Well today is the 4th of July and I sat on my front porch last night and saw fireworks. I was watching TV and kept seeing these flashes of light so I got up and opened the door and across the street they were setting off fireworks (small ones but very pretty) so I sat on the porch and watched fireworks.



August 19, 2014

I am forever amazed of your creation. Sitting here at the table each morning and watching the world come alive as they [illegible] The trees, birds & even the squirrels as Tony said they are kinda cute sitting like they are praying with their little paws together (even if the one a musician, they too are part of your creation) It's amazing that we can just look around us at all

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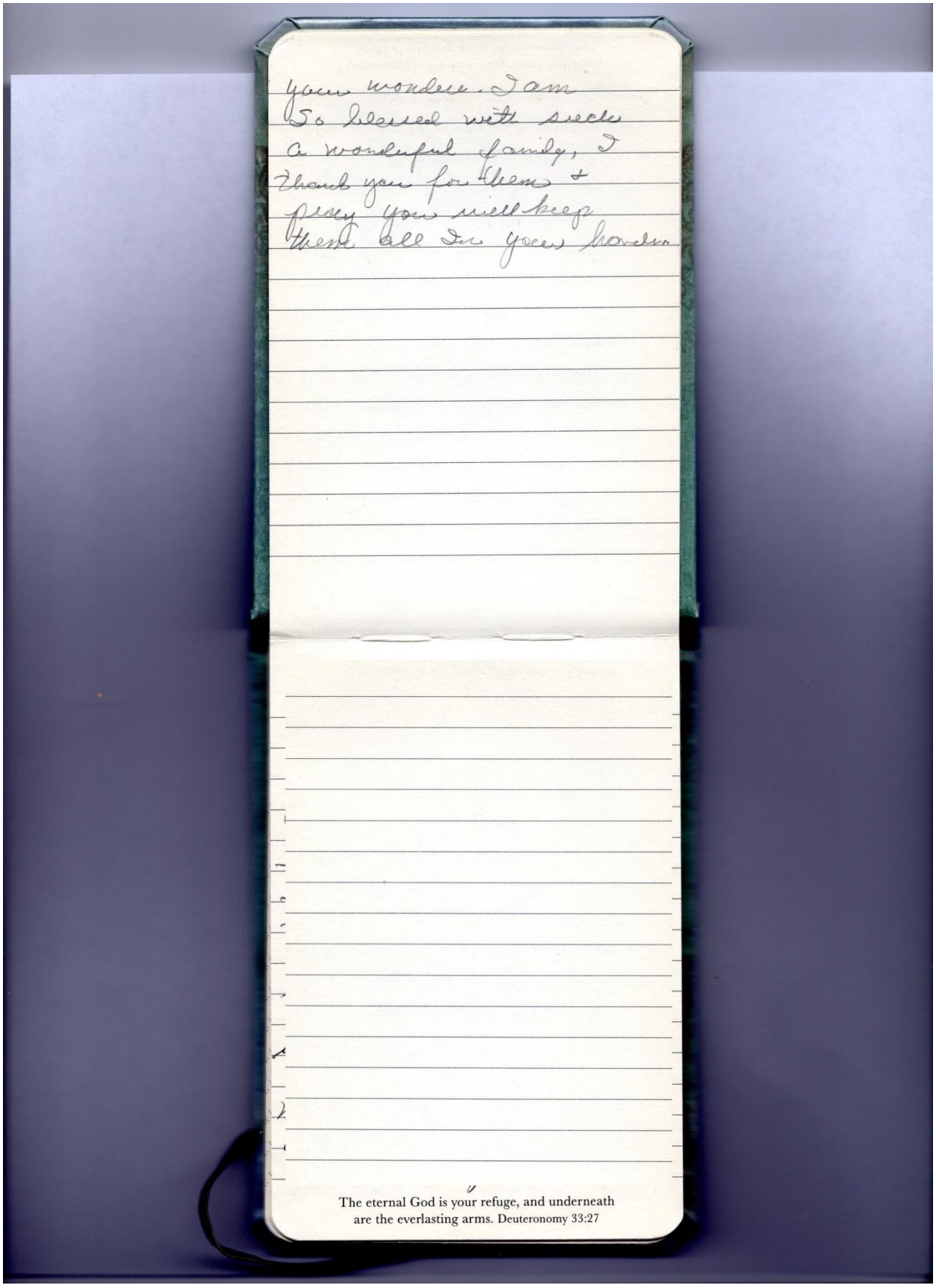
your wonders. I am
So blessed with such
a wonderful family, I
thank you for them +
pray you will keep
them all in your hands.
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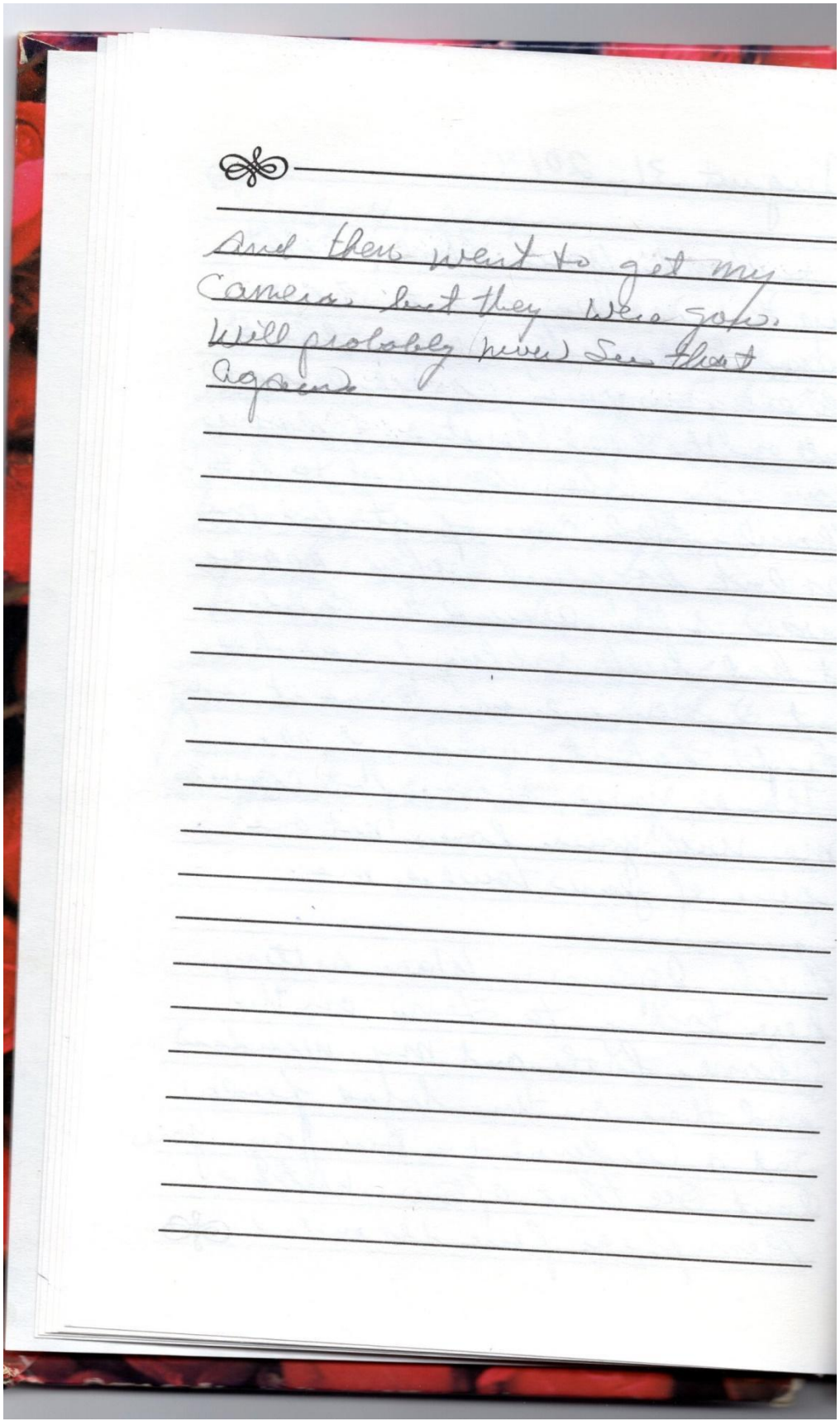
August 31, 2014

Thank you God. Got up this morning about 5 AM came to the dining room like I do every morning, reached up to pull on the light switch + down came the globe, smashed to bits. Thank God none of it hit me and it happened when no one was sitting around the table. It had been rattling for awhile but I never ever gave it any thought that it would fall. Thank you God, for covering me with your love, not one piece of glass touched me.

Back again. Was sitting here talking to Teri on the phone. Look out my window and there on the bird feeder sat a Cardinal + a Blue Jay. You don't see that often. Watched them for a few seconds.


And then went to get my camera, but they were gone. Will probably never see that again

September 21, 2014

Waiting on coffee to finish brewing. Miss Tammy already not being here. She had flown safely back to Washington. She will be watching her Running Bird now instead of my Cardinal and Blue Jays.

October 3, 2014

Tonight was my visitation night w/ Colin - After his Mom leaves he comes in - sits down (Sam in the living room sitting & watching TV.) and says Mr. Mo. Can we have a new rule in your house. I said. Sure what new rule do you want. Colin: Well when I come in & sit down and do this (holds his stomach & breathes really heavy) it means I am bored. Ok. I said ok (Sam was here was so I didn't ask if he was or if he did that. Then have been

a lot of Halloween commercial on TV. Lol

Lolo: We are in the kitchen doing pizza!

Colin - Me Me Angel is getting fat!

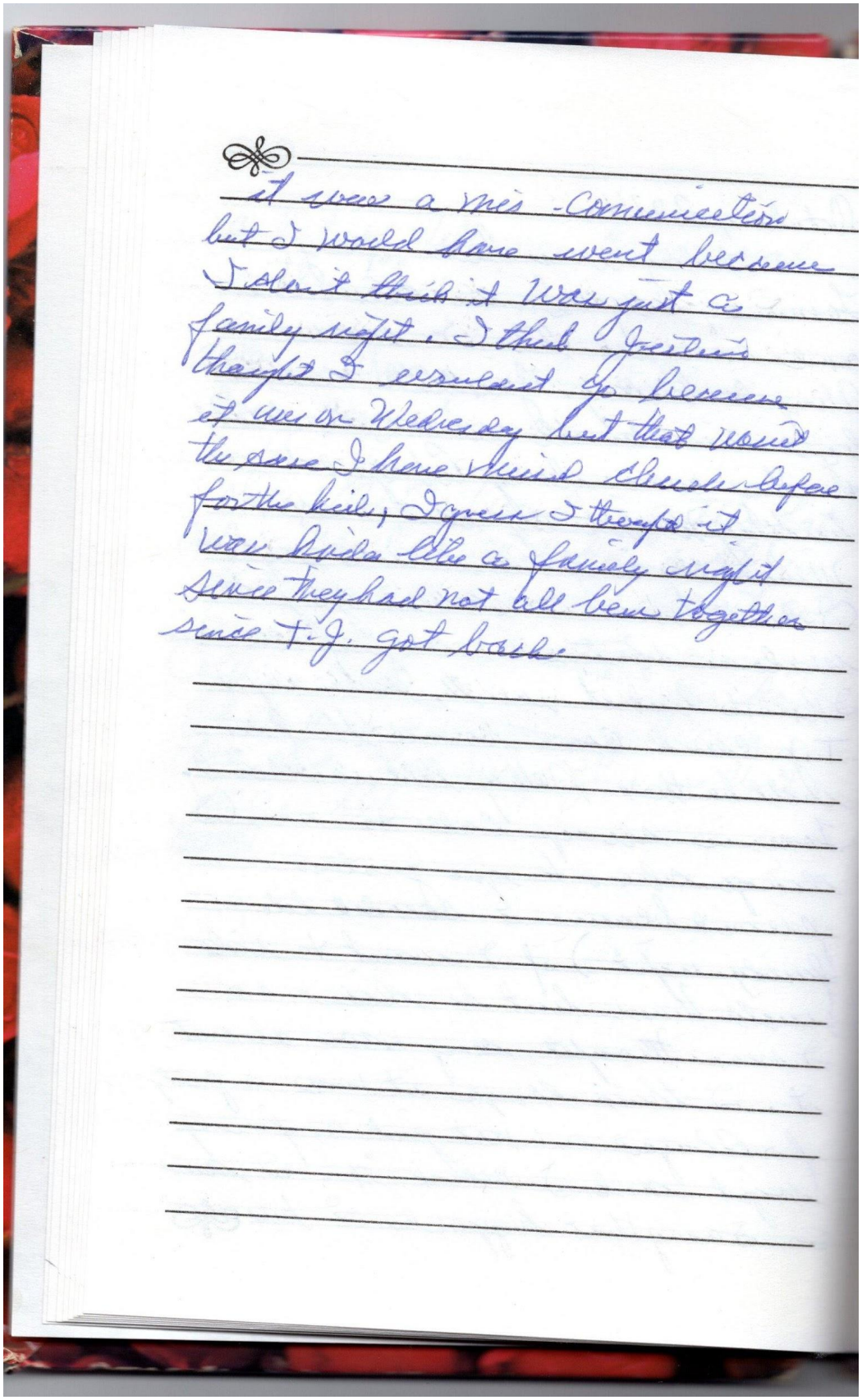
Mema - "Yes but all Sheldon is sit in that Engineer say. She doesn't get any exercise.

Colin: Yeah that's right. You don't get any exercise cause you're too old that why you are that way. LOL.

[redacted]

October, 2014

Today was bean day, Tommie, Kathy & Sandra came over and sounded like I missed Abagails birthday. Justin came by earlier in the week and told me they were doing Abagails birthday Wednesday and I said Wednesday is our church night (I didn't mean I would'nt go just made a statement) anyway she said I know but it was the only night I could come so all the kids will be there. Nothing else was said. Tommie always tries to see (I did go ahead & give Justin her money because it sounded like a family night) if I want to ride with them but he didn't so I never thought any more about it. I think though it was a party for Abagail and not just a family night and I noted it. I am so sorry that happened. I know



it were a mis-communication but I would have went because I don't think it was just a family night. I think Jordan thought I was out of town because it was on Wednesday but that would the same I have said about church before for the kids, I guess I thought it was kinda like a family night since they had not all been together since T.J. got back.

Jan 12, 2015 4:30 AM

Thank you Lord for putting my feet on the floor this Morning. I sometimes wonder of Gods wonders. A lot of the time Colin spends Sunday afternoon with me and 95% of the time on our way home he gets into asking me questions about death. I pray God gives me the right answers. He ask me why they put people bodies in the ground. I told

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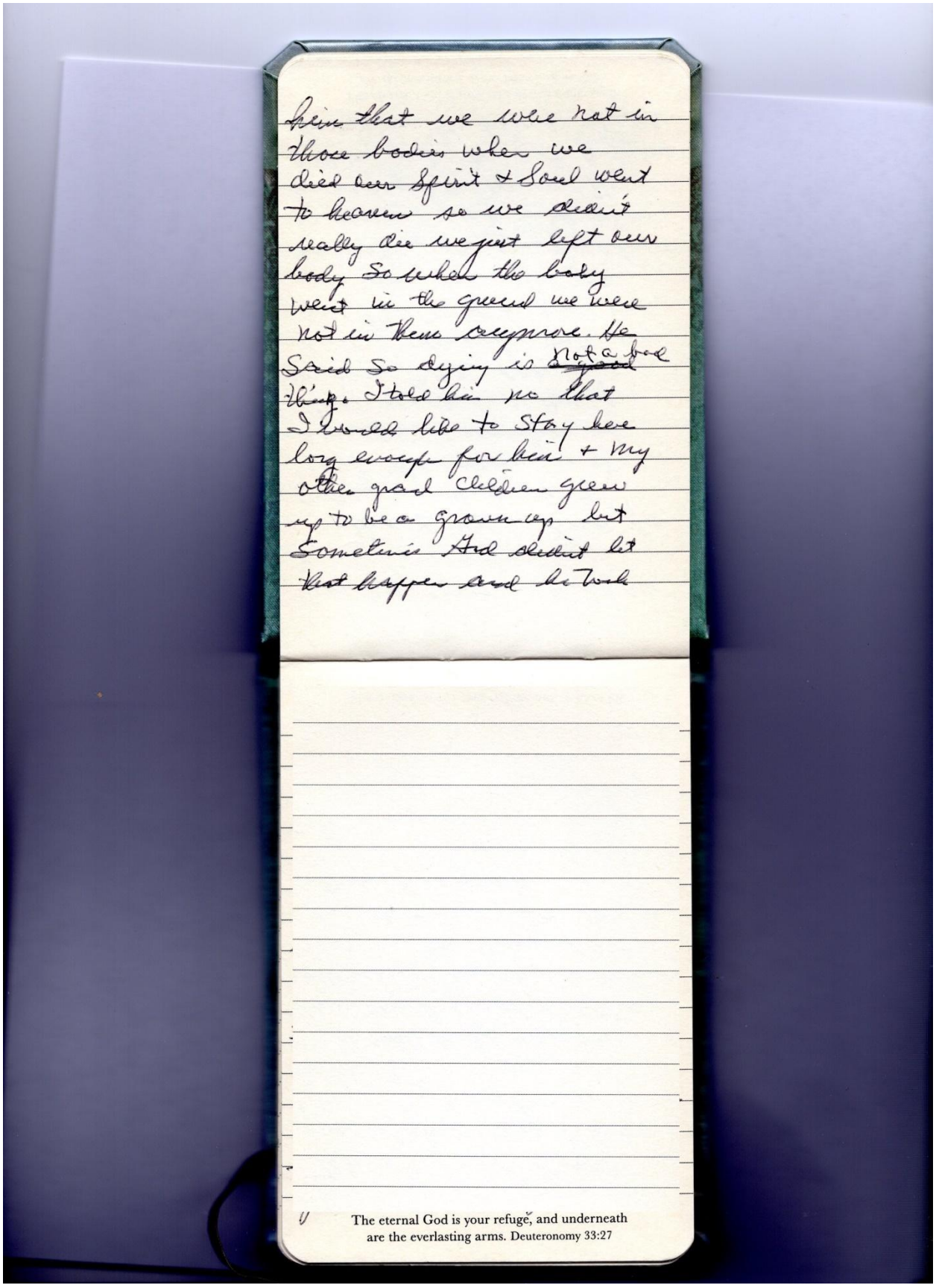
him that we were not in those bodies when we died our Spirit & Soul went to heaven so we didn't really die we just left our body So when the body went in the ground we were not in them anymore. He said so dying is ~~Not a bad~~ thing. I told him no that I would like to stay here long enough for him & my other grand children grew up to be a grown up but Sometimes God doesn't let that happen and he took

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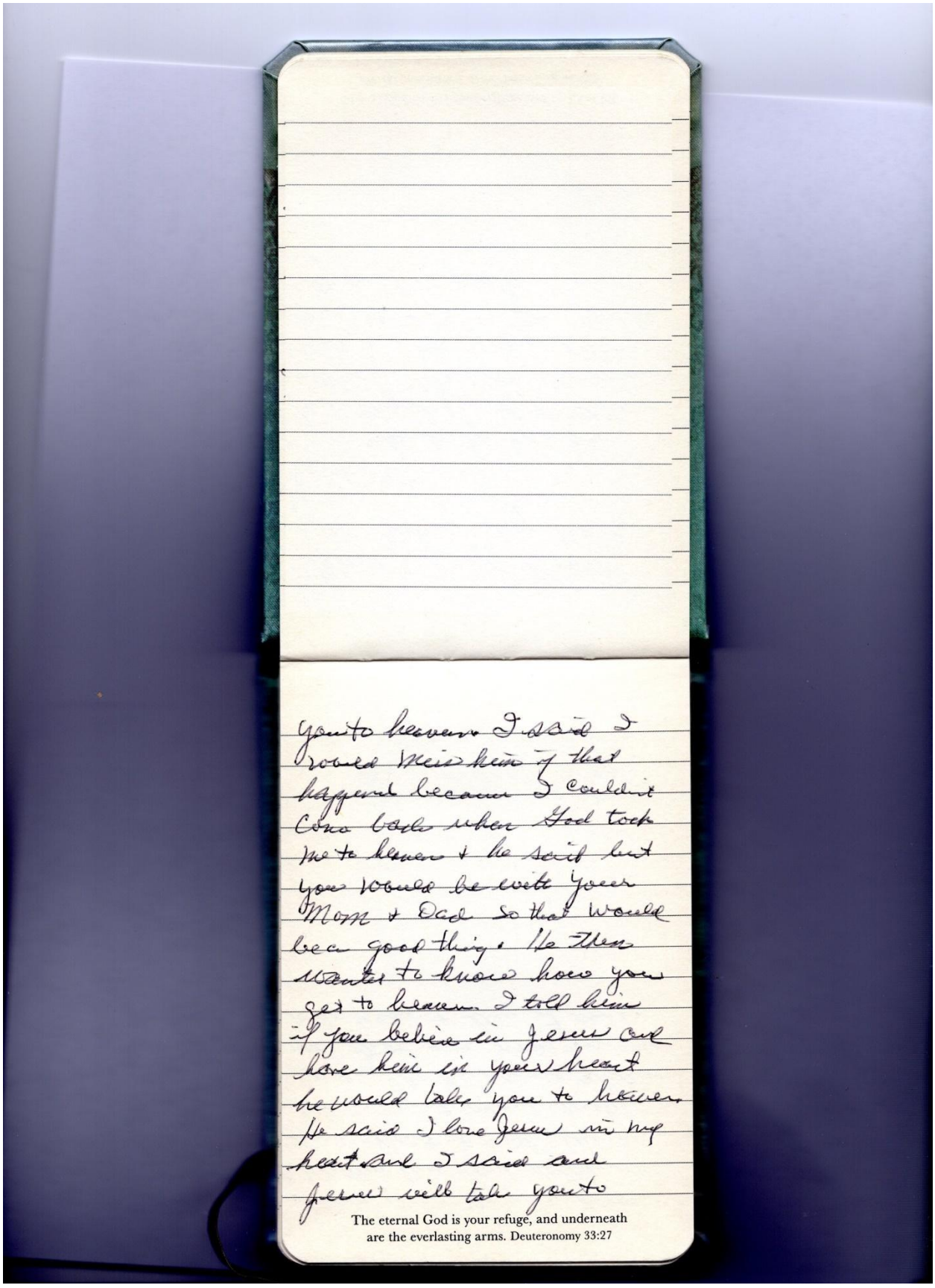

you to heaven. I said I would miss him if that happened because I couldn't come back when God took me to heaven & he said but you would be with your Mom & Dad so that would be a good thing. He then wanted to know how you get to heaven. I told him if you believe in Jesus and have him in your heart he would take you to heaven. He said I love Jesus in my heart and I said and Jesus will take you to

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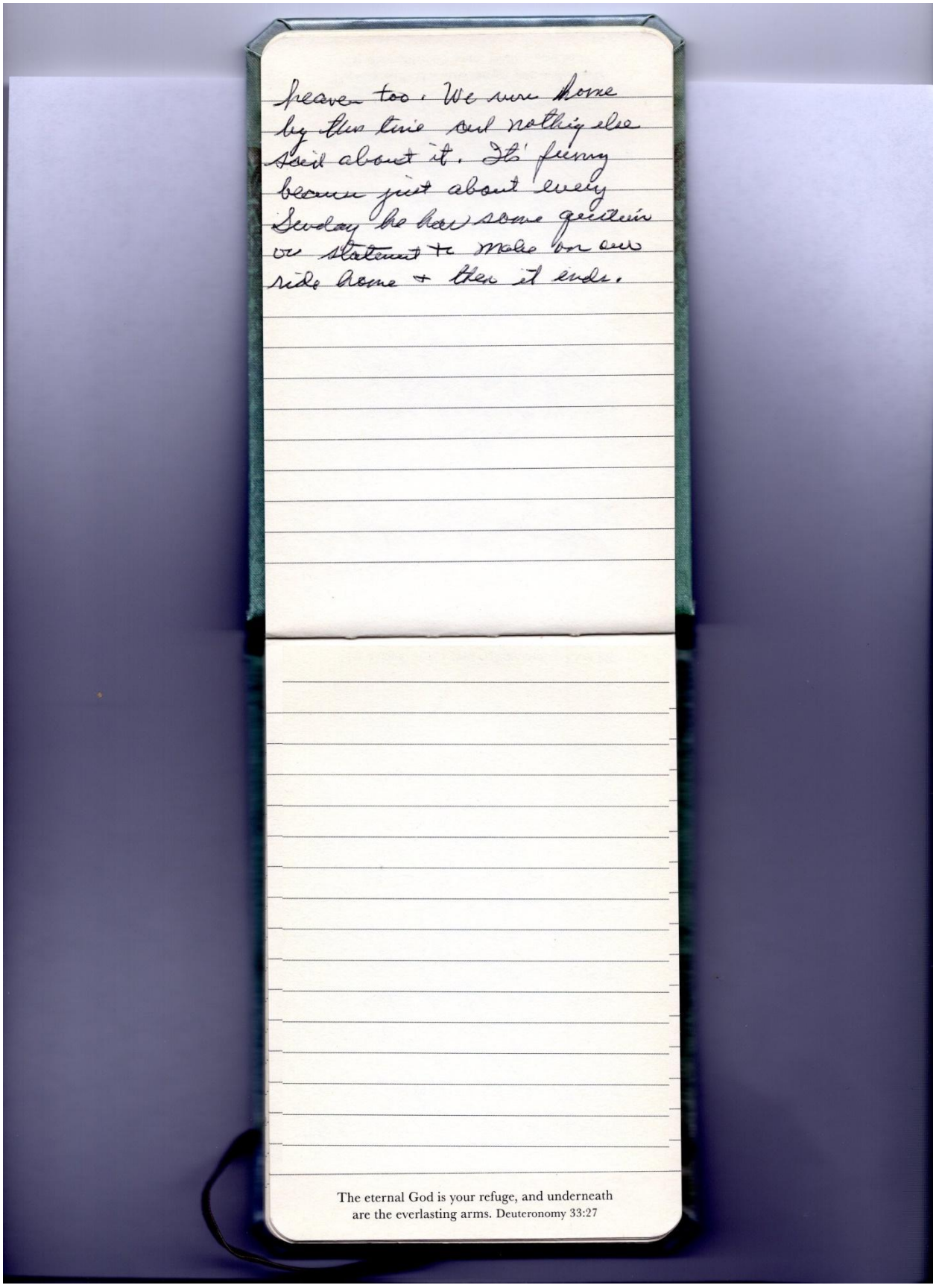
heaven too. We were home by this time and nothing else said about it. It's funny because just about every Sunday he has some question or statement to make on our ride home & then it ends.

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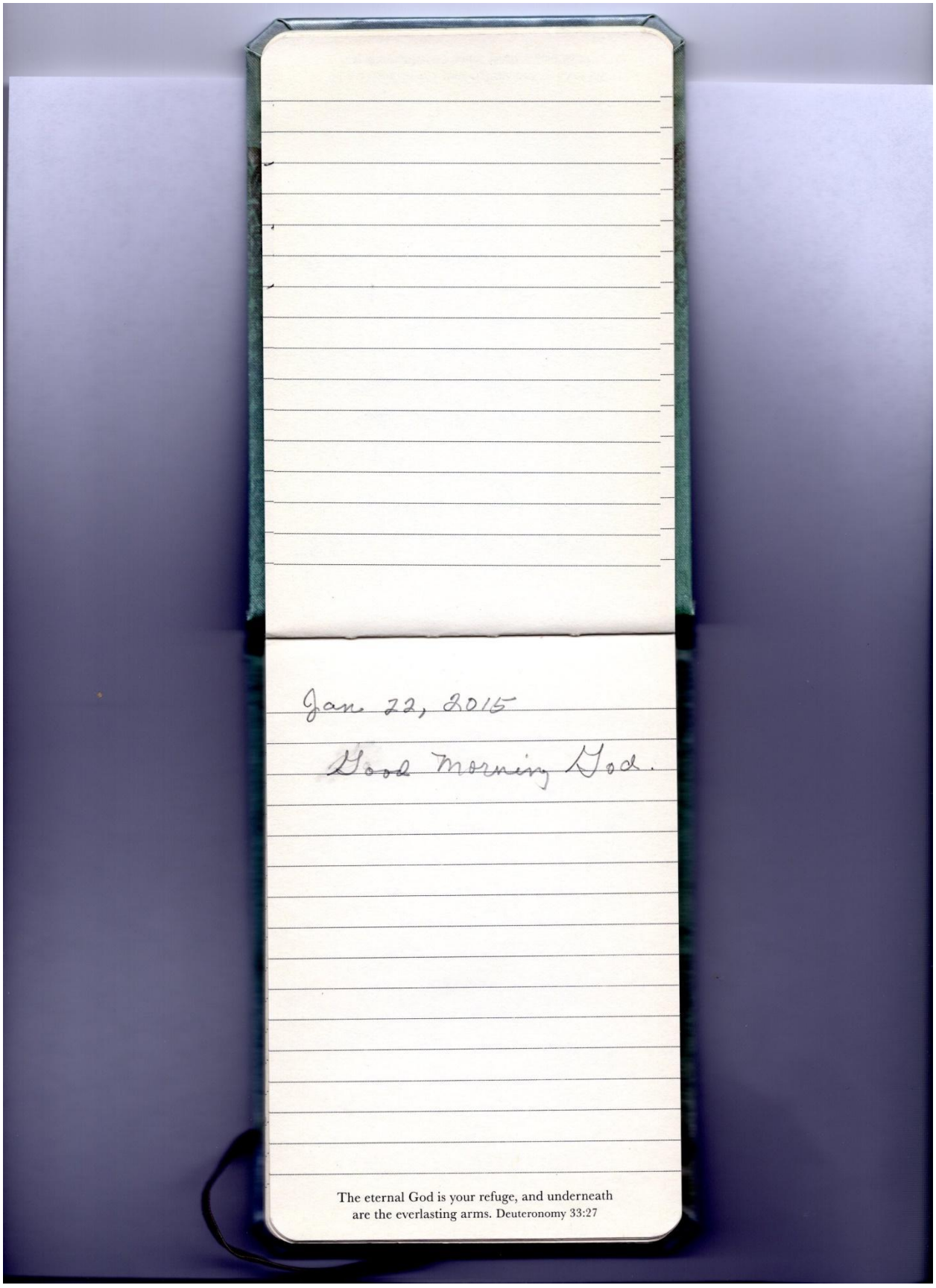
Jan. 22, 2015
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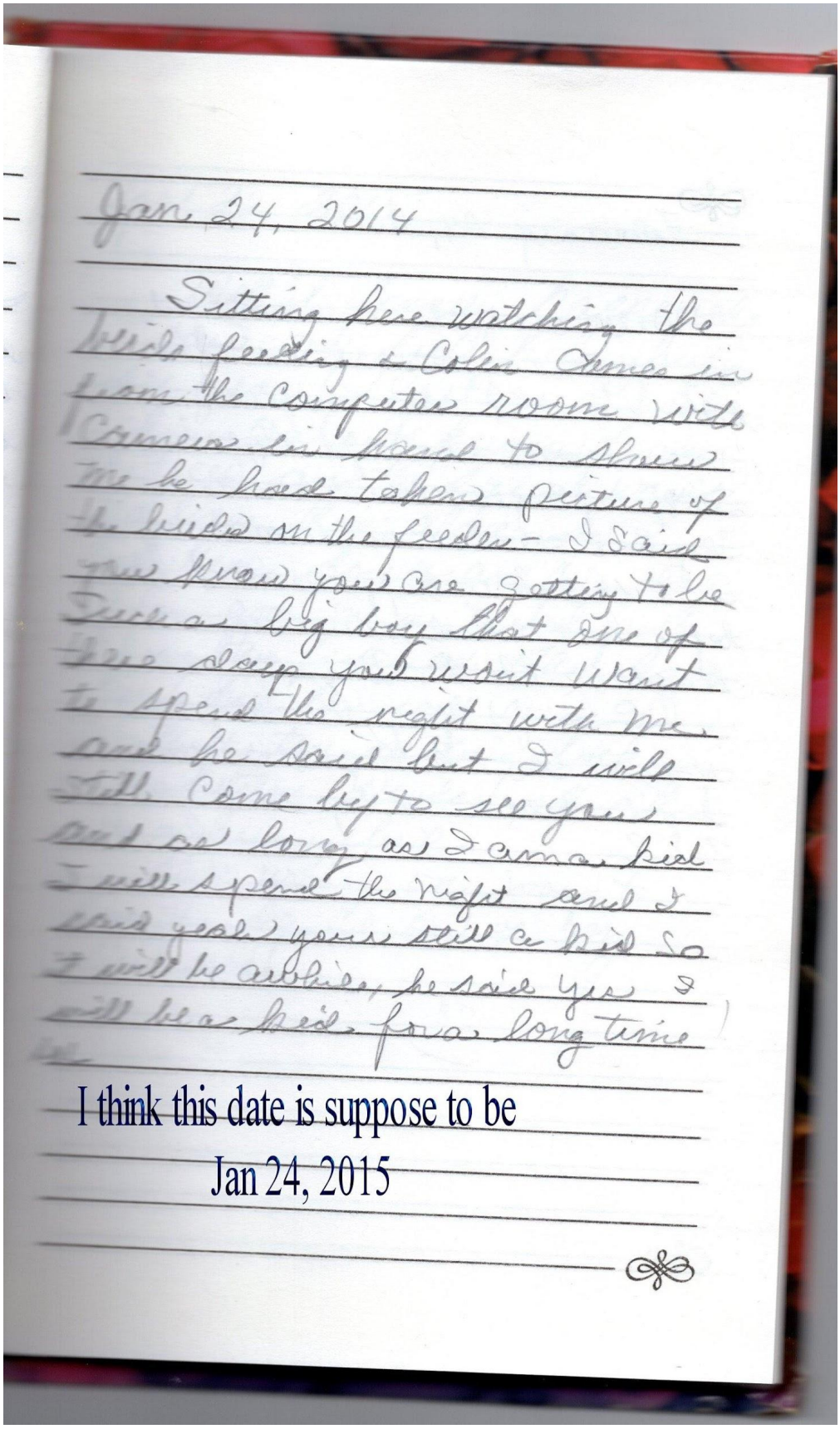
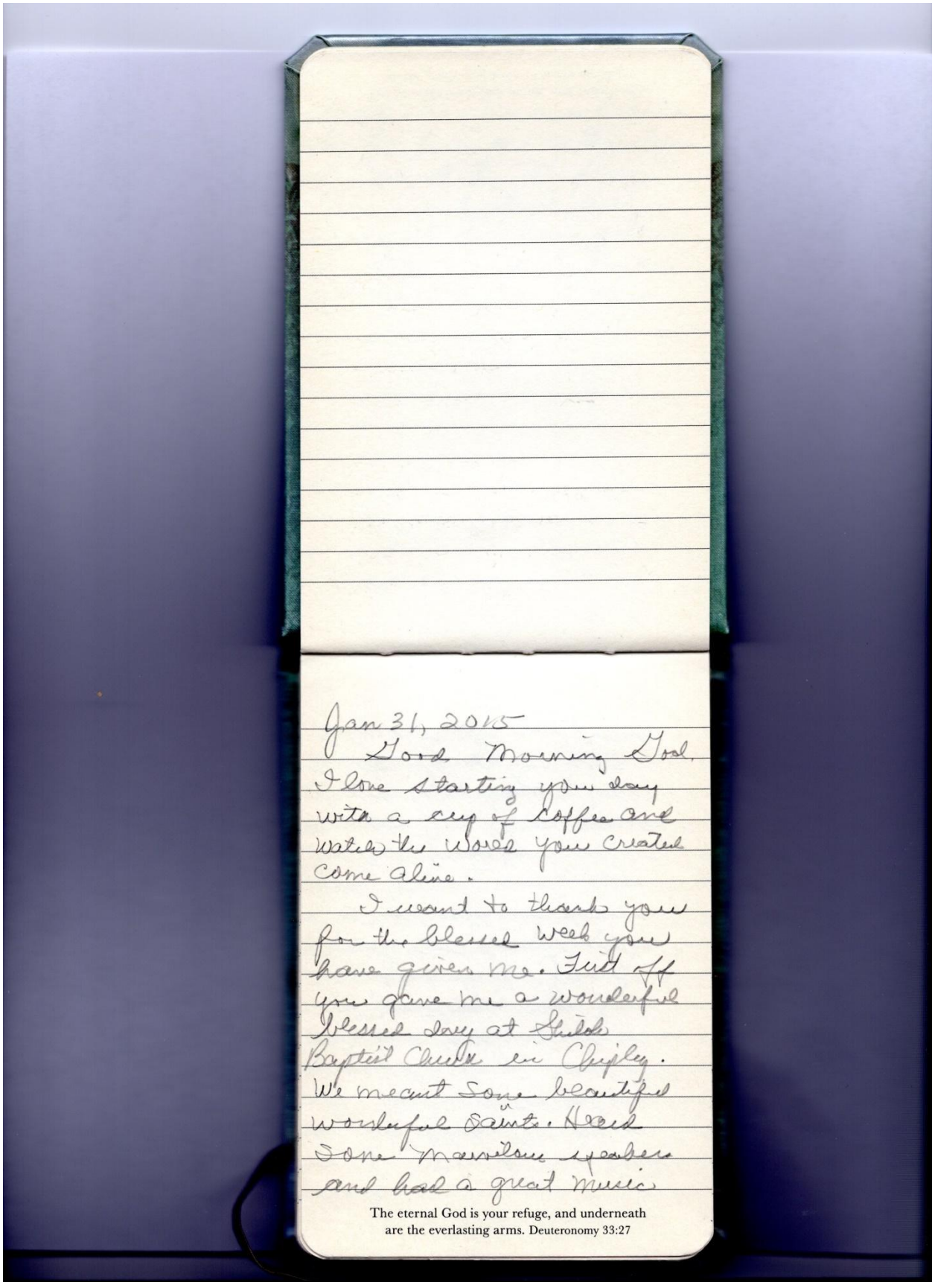


Jan. 24, 2014

Sitting here watching the birds feeding & Colin Comes in from the computer room with Cameras in hand to show me he had taken pictures of the birds on the feeder - I said now know you are getting to be such a big boy that one of these days you won't want to spend the night with me and he said but I will still come by to see you and as long as I am a kid I will spend the night and I said yeah you're still a kid so I will be asking, he says yes I will be a kid for a long time

I think this date is suppose to be
Jan 24, 2015



Jan 31, 2015

Good Morning God. I love starting your day with a cup of coffee and watch the world you created come alive.

I want to thank you for the blessed week you have given me. First off you gave me a wonderful blessed day at Shiloh Baptist Church in Copley. We meant some beautiful wonderful Saints. Heard some marvelous speakers and had a great music

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Leader.

But you knew God
the best Child that happened.
This Music Director got up
during his singing and told
everyone he could see you
in me through my
beautiful Smile. You knew
I needed that for someone to
say they could See You in
me.

Then yesterday Terri +
I went to Grandparents
Day at Rocky Bayou. What
another blessing to see +
talk with the grandparents

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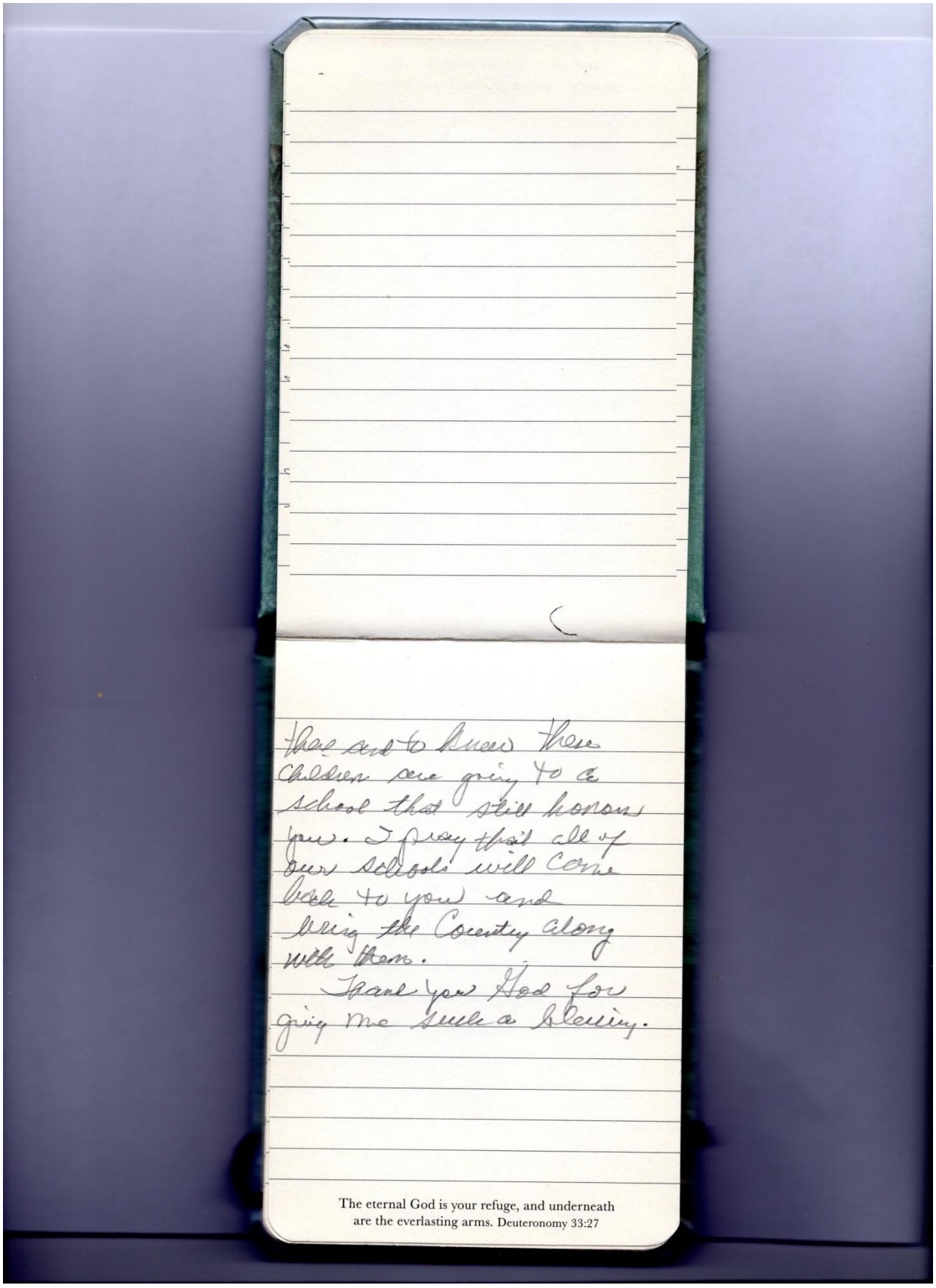
that and to know these
children are going to a
school that still honors
you. I pray that all of
our schools will come
back to you and
bring the Country along
with them.
Thank you God for
giving me such a blessing.
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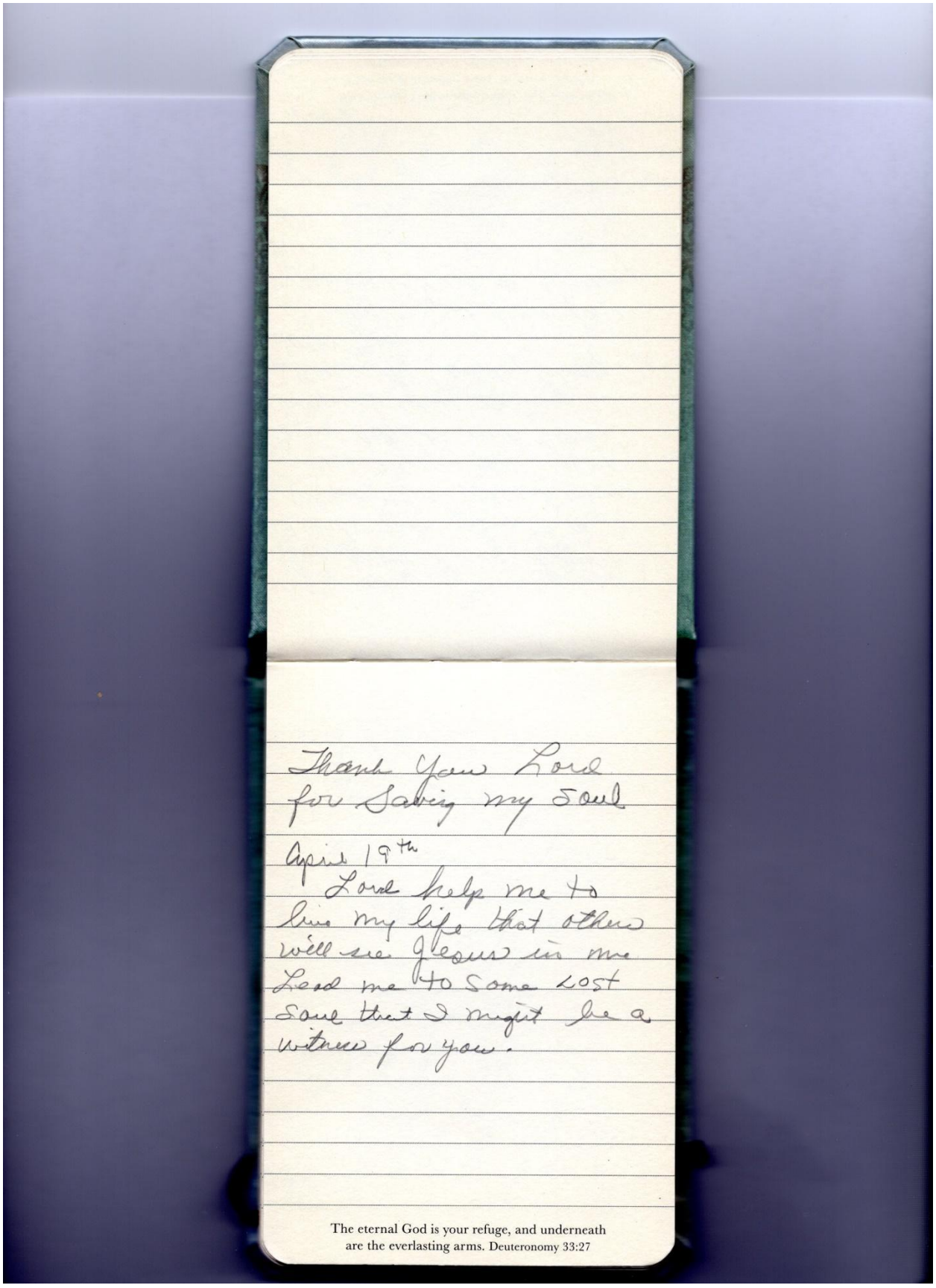
February 24, 2015

Well we got to an eventful day yesterday, walked in the kitchen and it was infested with Termites. I thought God had sent a plague down on me. They were all over in swarms. Jack said that has happened to him before but I had never seen anything like it. Anyway went to Lowes to get spray, etc to get rid of them. Then M.H. came & cleaned up the kitchen and they were gone. T.T.T.


Thank You Lord
for Saving my Soul

April 19th
Lord help me to
live my life that others
will see Jesus in me
Lead me to Some Lost
Soul that I might be a
witness for you.

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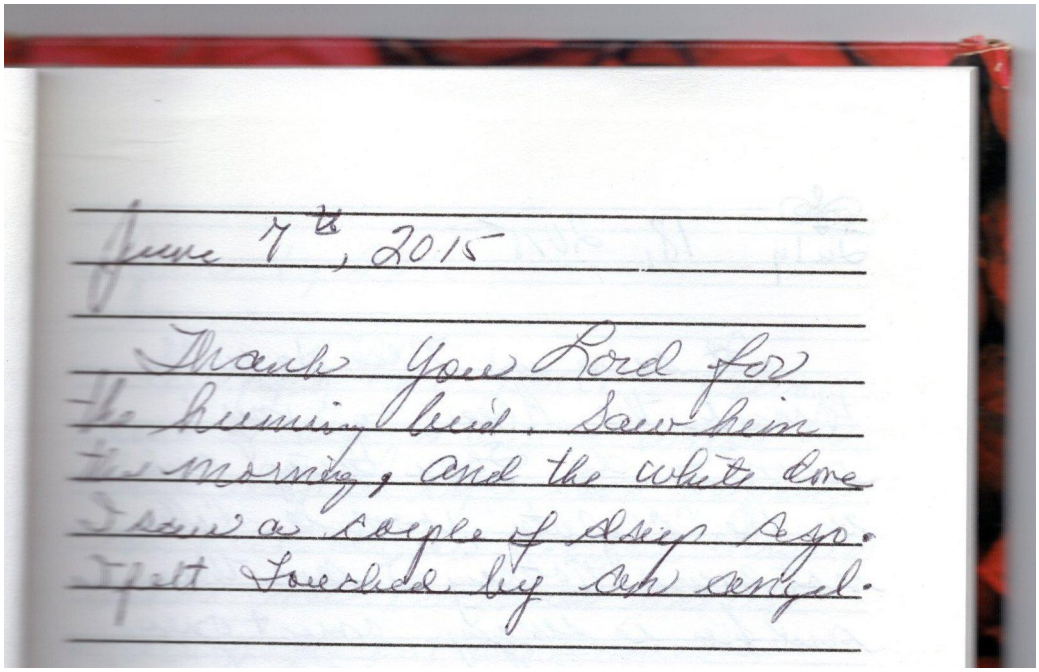
April 22, 2015

Well it finally happened. I seen my first hummingbird this year on last as I recall. I have put out feeders from the trees and the squirrels would not leave them alone. So I took them down and one day Jim gave me a metal pole I hung the feeders on. They have been there for well over a month & this morning looking out the kitchen window, there it was a hummingbird.

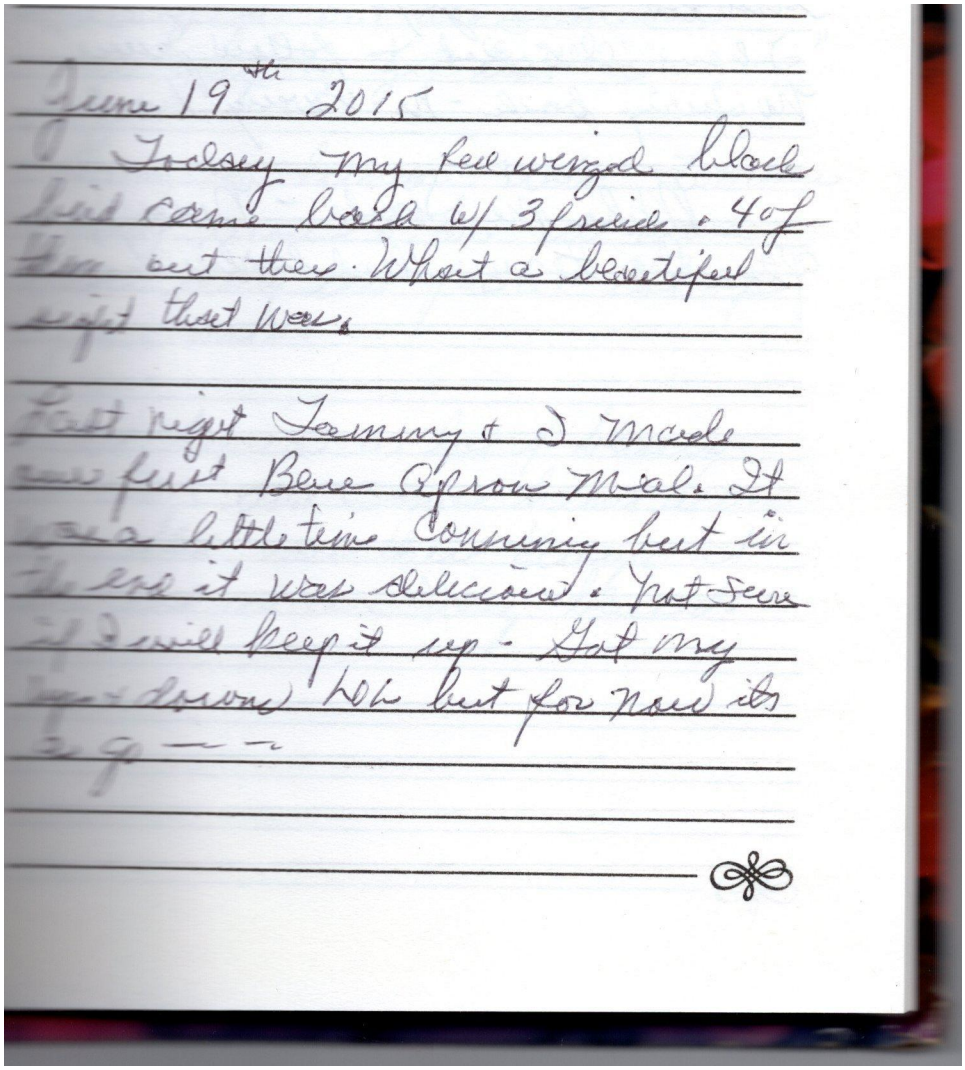
Still working on ways to keep the squirrels out of my bird seed.

May 28, 2015

Was having Coffee - this morning, and looked out the window and across the road right by the edge of the woods was a deer. Looked fairly young but was a baby. Just the head seen but before I could get up a car came along + that one + another one I had not seen seen back into the woods.


June 7th, 2015

Thank You Lord for
the burning bush. Saw him
this morning, and the white dove
I saw a couple of days ago.
I felt Your side. Big Oh angel.



June 19th 2015

Today my scale weighed black bird came back w/ 3 friends + 40 of them out there. What a beautiful sight that was.

Last night Tammy + I made our first Bear Grass meal. It was a little time consuming but in the end it was delicious. Not sure if I will keep it up. Got my hopes down 10 lbs but for now its up — —

July 18, 2015

It sure is Nice to walk through the house to my room to do some things and in the computer room is Colin not even "Noticing" I am there and he is singing over and over "I have decided to follow Jesus" No Turning back - No Turning back!

Makes me Smile - Nice after the tears shed earlier!!!

Aug 8, 2015

Good Morning God,

Once again the view from my window shows your amazing works. I do have a grandson I know he's in your hands Lord but he is needing your guidance right back. I am not sure what he is going through but I think that you need to touch the men in his life so they will

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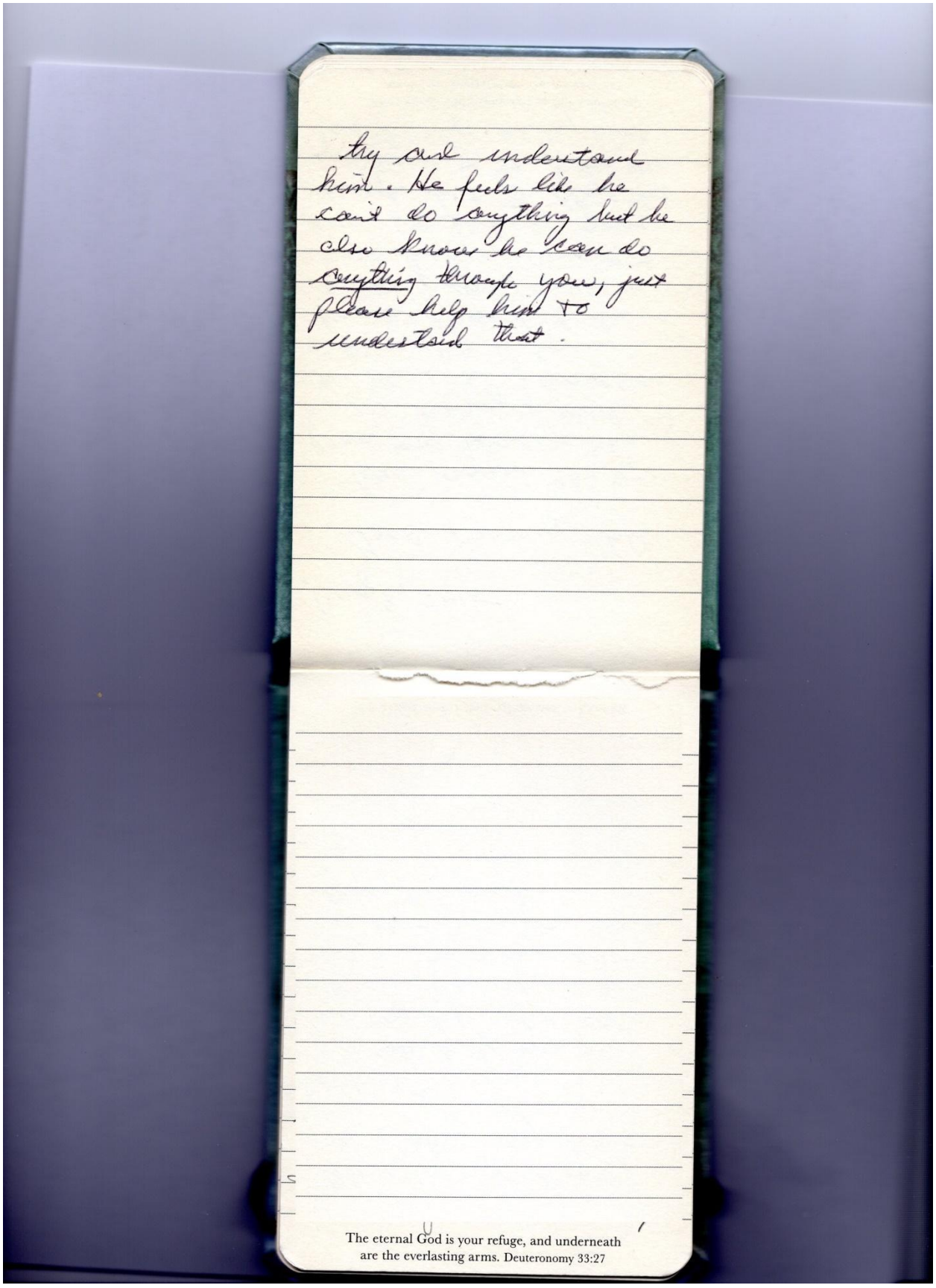
try and understand
him. He feels like he
can't do anything but he
also knows he can do
anything through you, just
please help him to
understand that.

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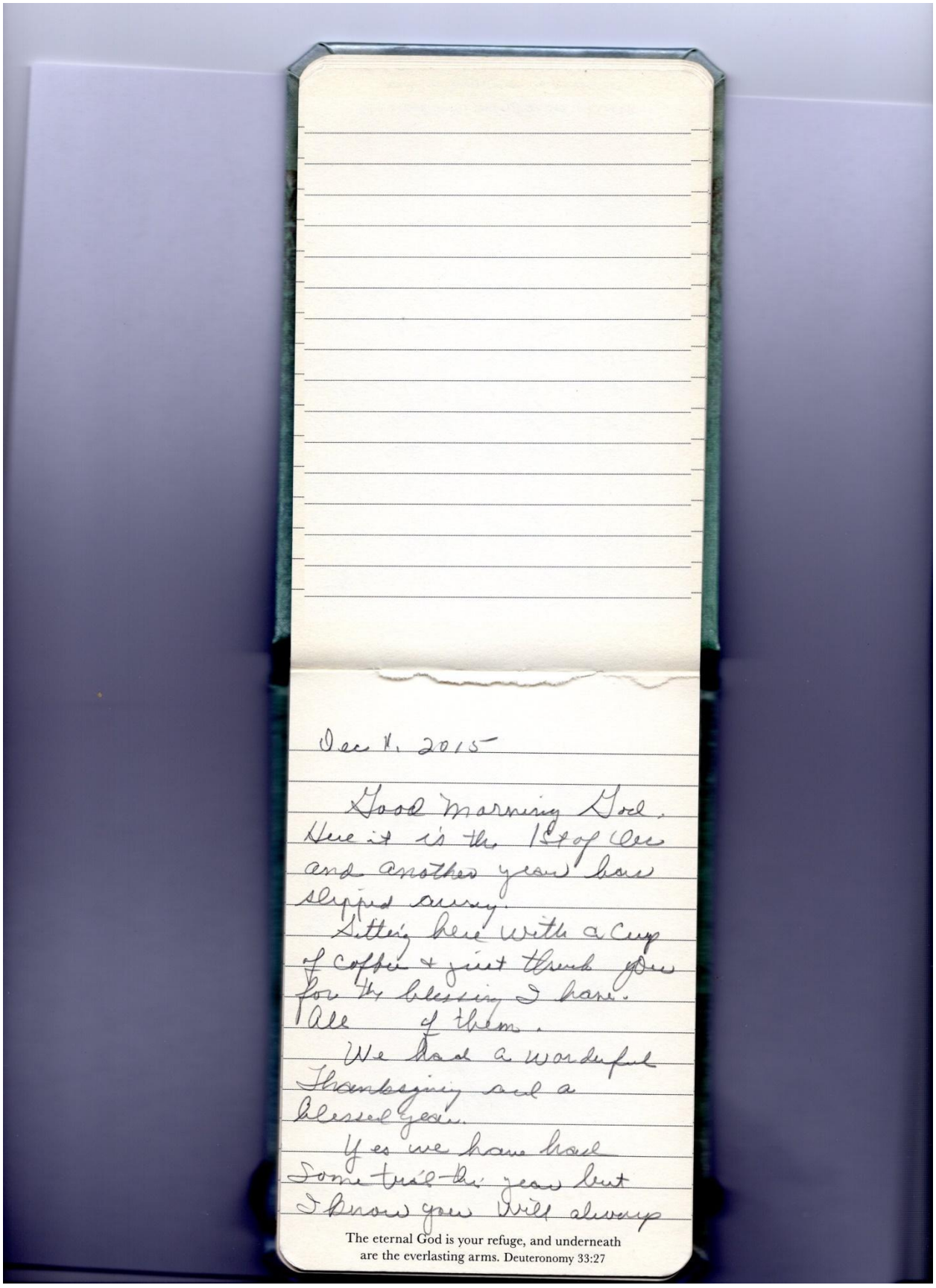
Dec 1, 2015

Good Morning God.
Here it is the 1st of Dec
and another year has
slipped away.
Sitting here with a cup
of coffee & just thank you
for the blessing I have.
All of them.
We had a wonderful
Thanksgiving and a
Blessed Year.
Yes we have had
some trials this year but
I know you will always

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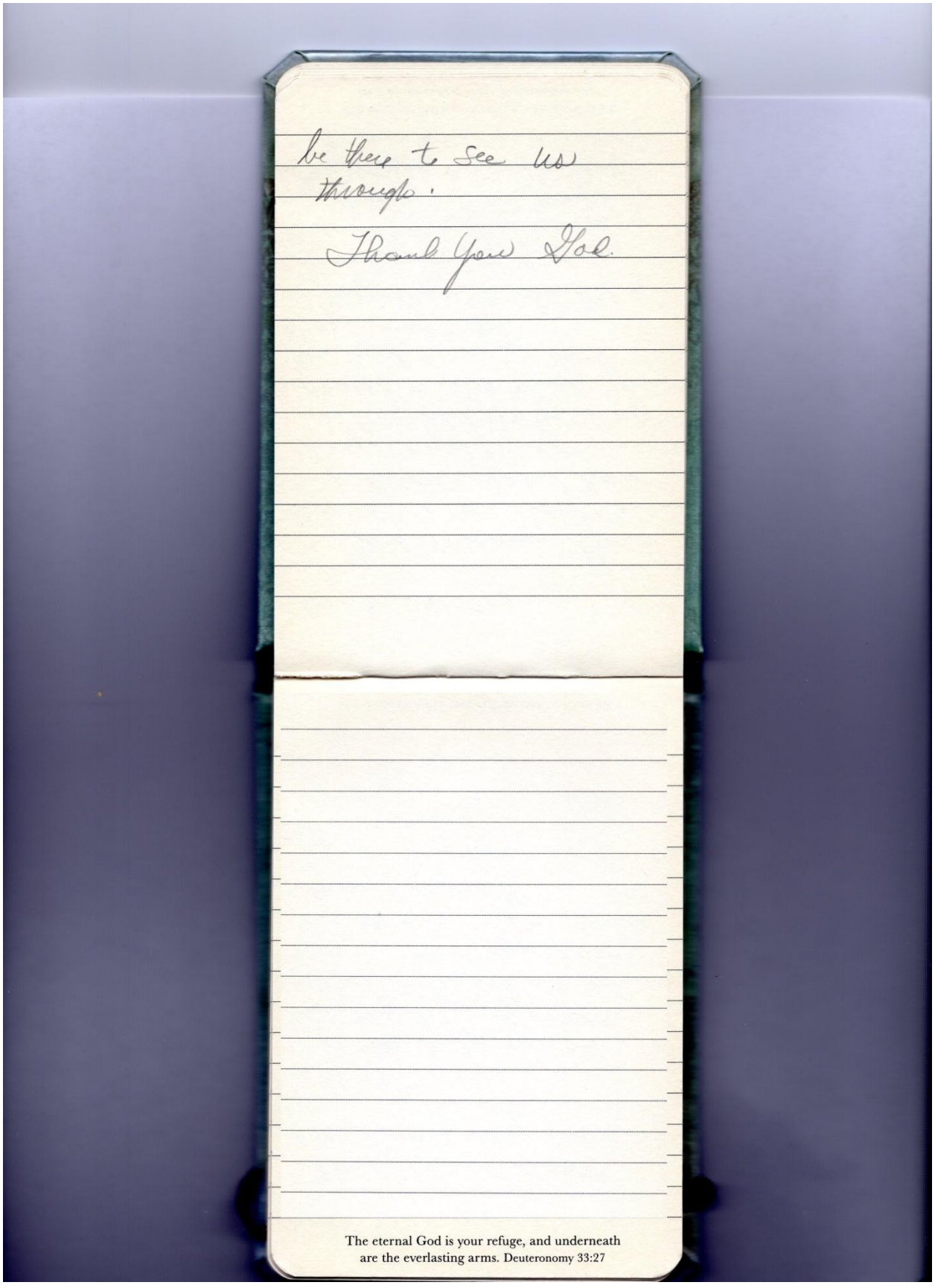
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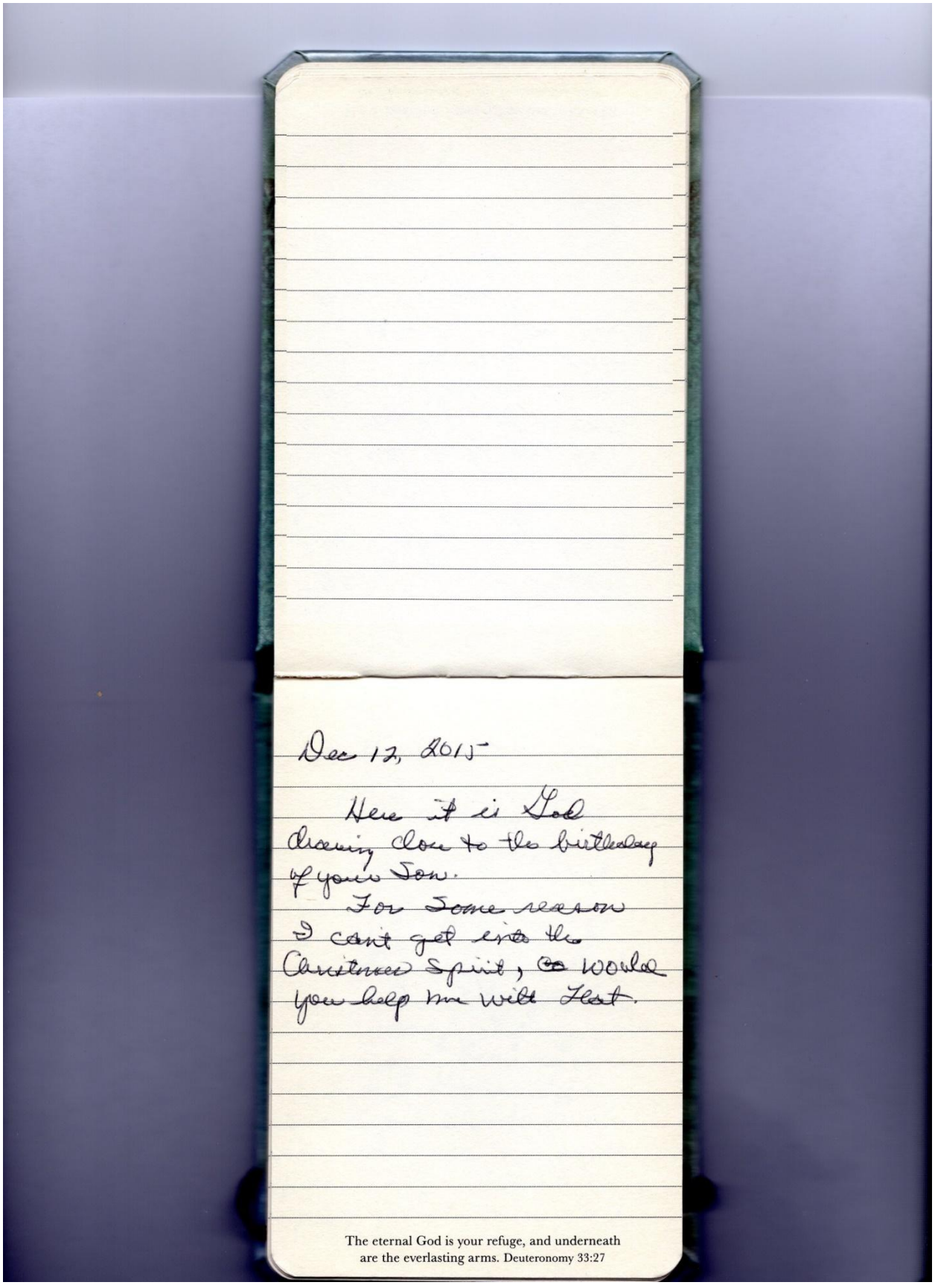
Dec 12, 2015

Here it is God
drawing close to the birthday
of your Son.
For some reason
I can't get into the
Christmas Spirit, so would
you help me with that.

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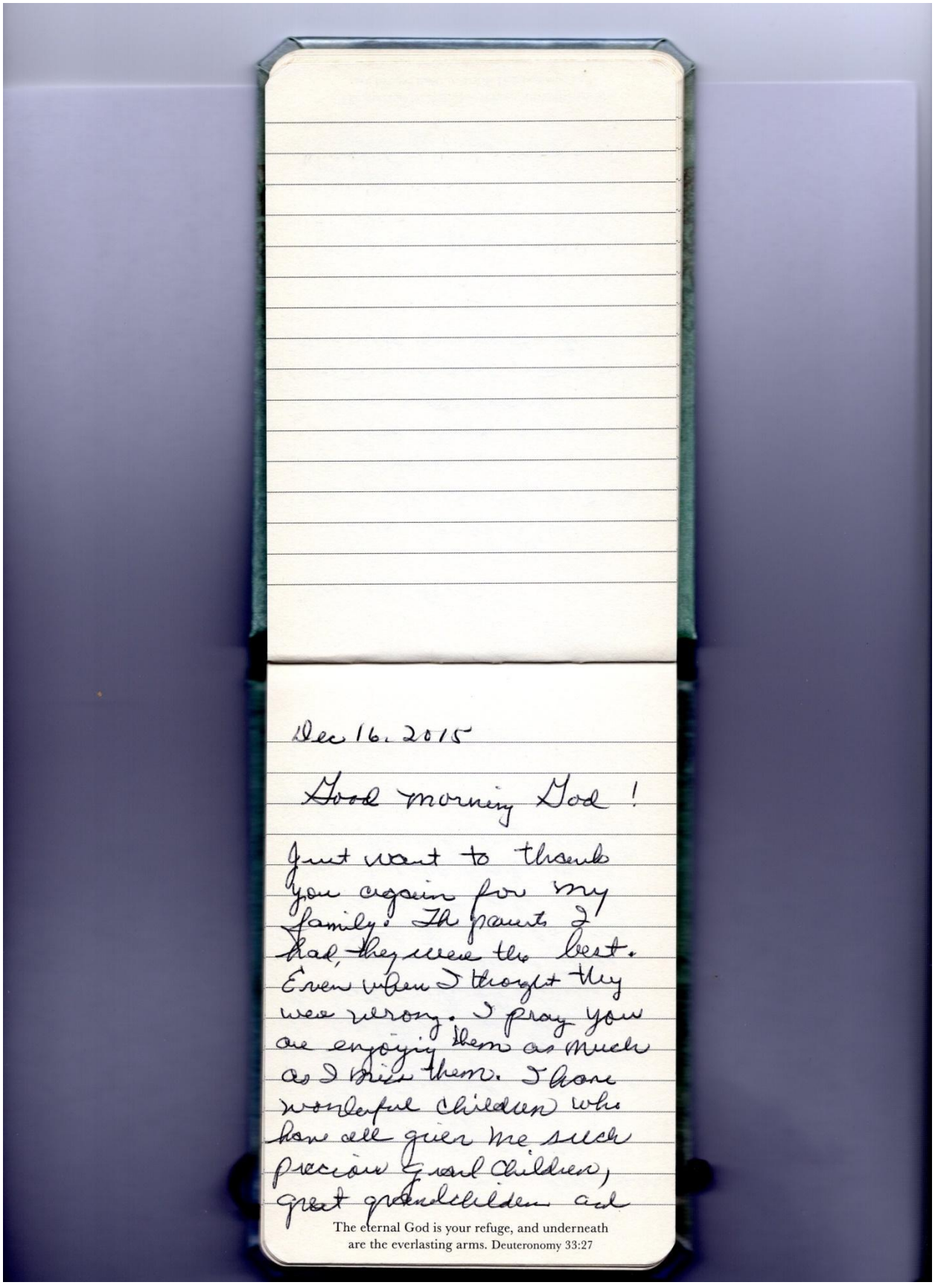

Dec 16, 2015

Good morning God!

Just want to thank you again for my family. The parents I had, they were the best. Even when I thought they were wrong. I pray you are enjoying them as much as I miss them. I have wonderful children who have all given me such precious Grandchildren, great grandchildren and

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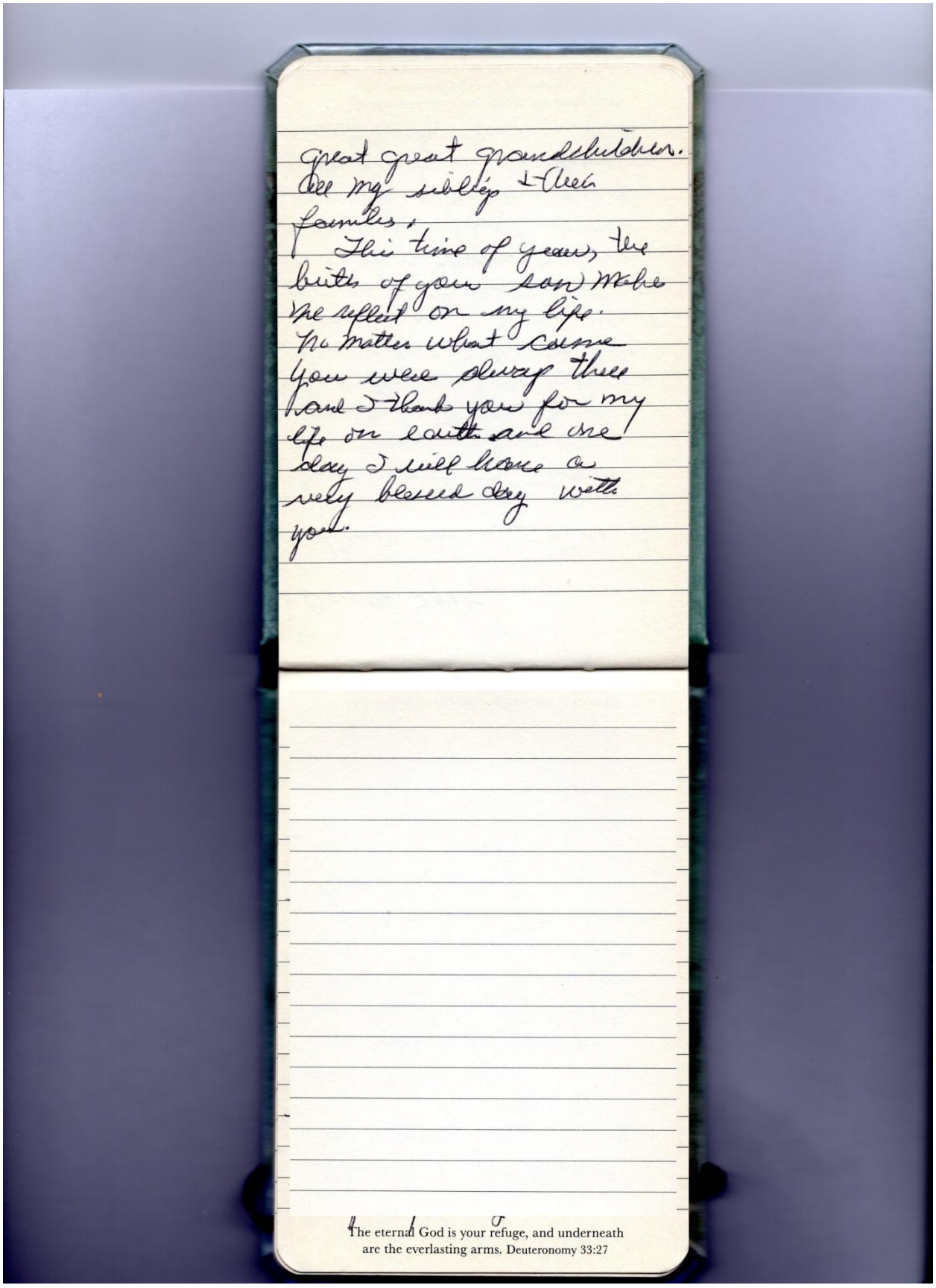
great great grandchildren.
All my siblings + their
families.
This time of year, the
birth of your son Mabe
me reflect on my life.
No matter what came
you were always there
and I thank you for my
life on earth and one
day I will have a
very blessed day with
you.

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Jan 1, 2016

Happy New Year! Colin and I stayed up to watch the ball drop in NYC and again in PC. He was not real thrilled but he was concerned that all those people out there Someone was going to get lost :)

Going to lunch with Tommie & Kathy around 11:30. We have been doing that for a lot of years now.

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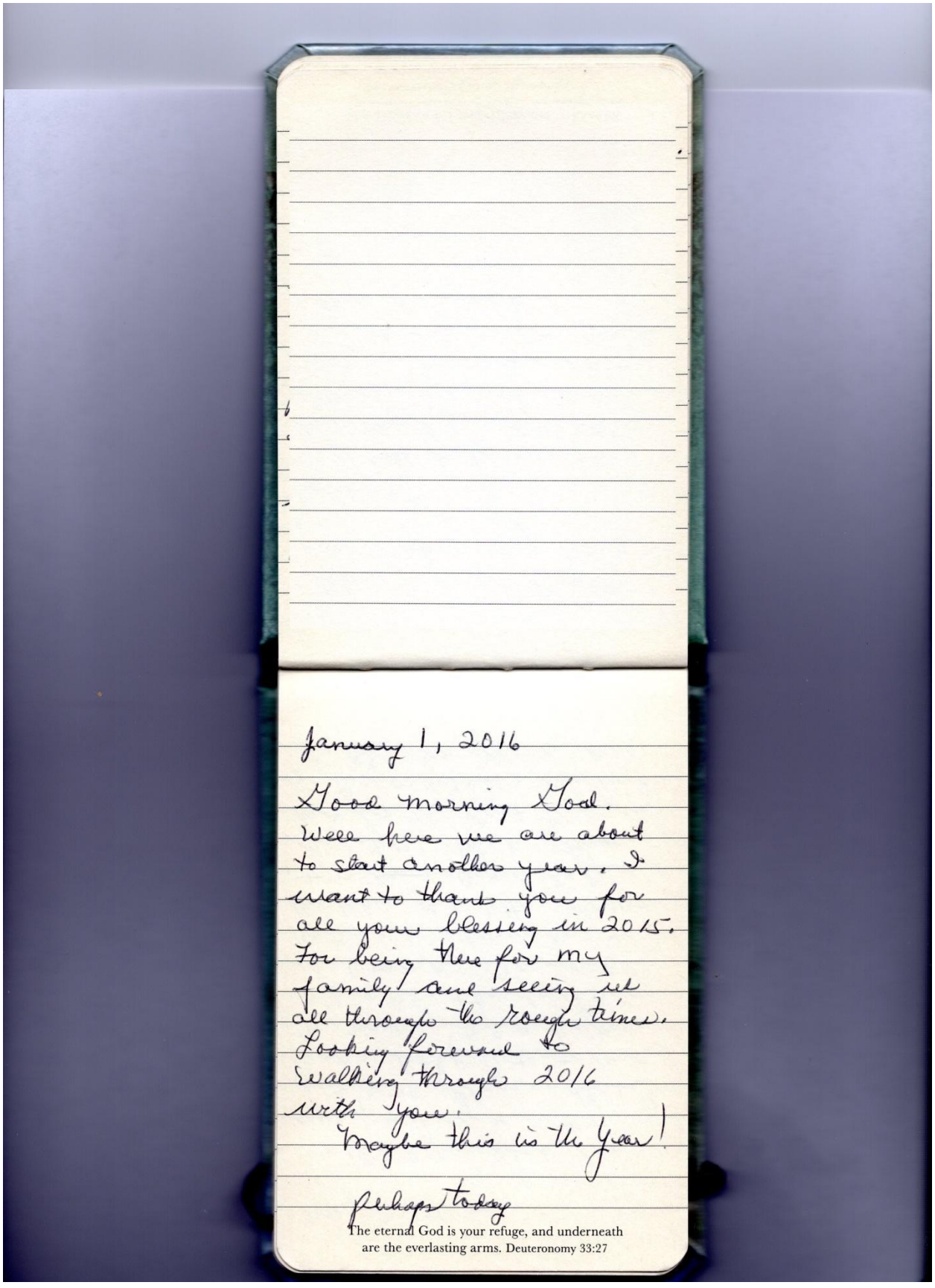
January 1, 2016

Good morning God.
Well here we are about
to start another year. I
want to thank you for
all your blessing in 2015.
For being there for my
family and seeing us
all through the rough times.
Looking forward to
walking through 2016
with you.
Maybe this is the year!

perhaps today

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Feb 20, 2016

Well Nik turned 29 a couple days ago. It is hard to believe she is that old. But not only her everytime one of the girls have a birthday I think the same thing.

Colin came in last night for his Friday night visit and I complained so he came out to ask if I was ok. Anyway during one of our talks he said Mi Mi do you know what one of my favorite things to do is. I look him in the eye I don't what was his favorite thing to do and he said Pray + then went on to mention what came next in line.

May 2, 2016

Thank You God for waking me up & setting my feet on the floor. I have had a lot of arthritis and this morning I felt no pain I think about the first time in 6 months. I remember one time Dad coming out to the table and sitting down to a ~~cup~~ cup of coffee and telling Mom that for the first time in so long he couldn't remember he had no pain and

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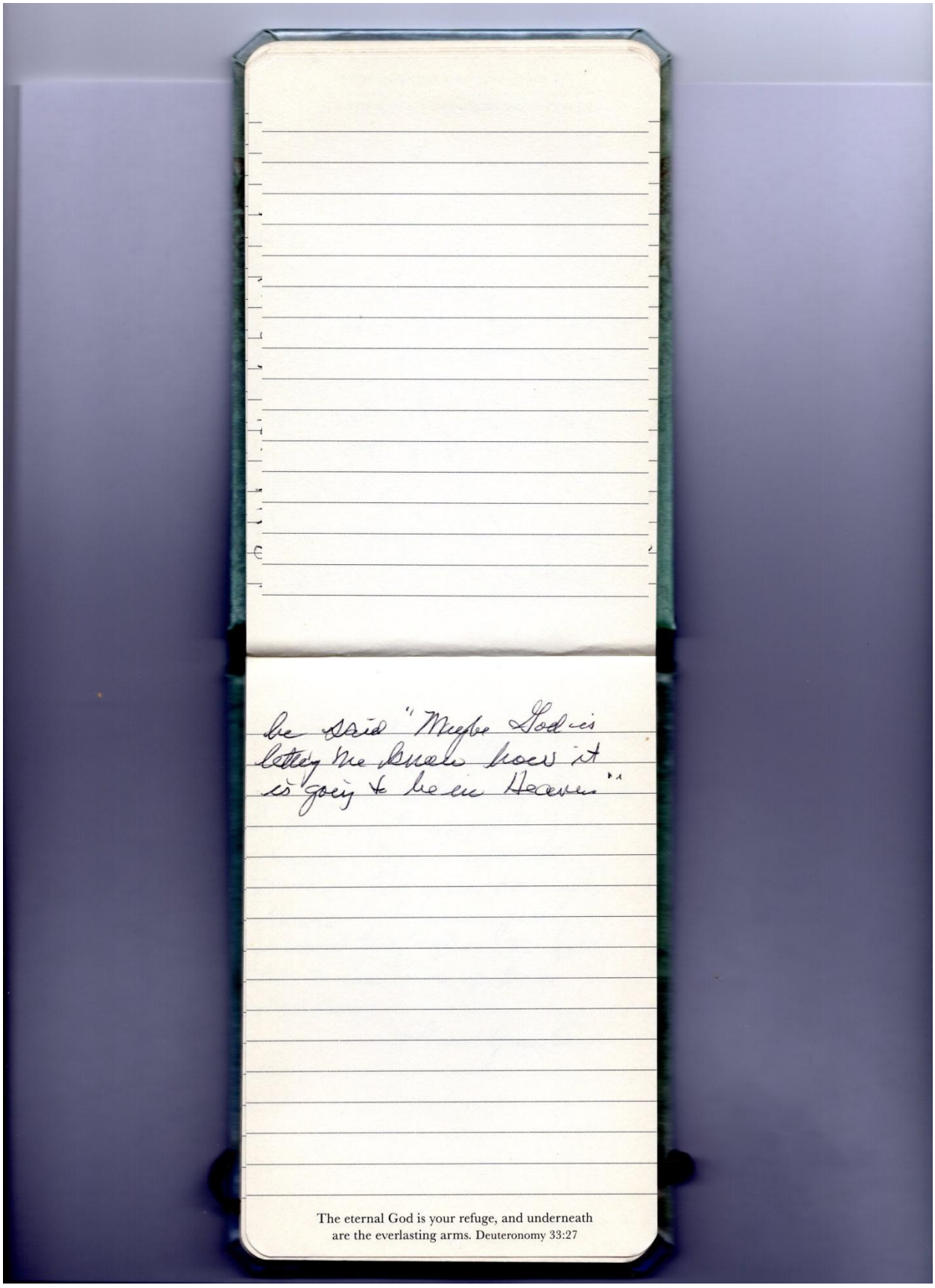
he said "Maybe God is
letting me know how it
is going to be in Heaven"
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May 5, 2016

Its interesting here, well its really amazing here God put Noahs together. For some reason Mocking birds don't like crows & they will not let them in my yard. That's how I know when Mocking birds are here. This morning I sat here watching one out in the road surrounded by about 3 Mocking birds. I was kind to have feel sorry for the crow that big ole bird was doing his best to get away from those Mocking birds but everytime he moved & raised they circled they had him out of site. Later he showed up on my feeder and within a few seconds here were the mocking birds diving at him until he finally flew away.

June 9, 2016

I know a lot of family think I am married to Colin but that's not true. I love all my great grand Children and the only reason that he is here is because he is the one that asked cause he care. Yes we have grown close over the years but you have to really be around the young man to see what a caring heart he have. I think he have always lived being here because we are close. We have been together for 8 years. He believe in his heart he is looking after me in my older years. Last night he was having trouble sleeping - he was on the Couch & I was sleeping in my recliner. It was after midnight & I was sitting with my head in my hands & the soldier was having a little chest pain & I felt Some one by my

side I looked, sept there was Colin had his little head on my back- hand down and hugged me + said I love you Mi Mi and went back over and died down.

One of my favorites he will ask me what 1+1+1 is. I of course will answer 3 and he will say no it is One — God, Jesus + the spirit = 1

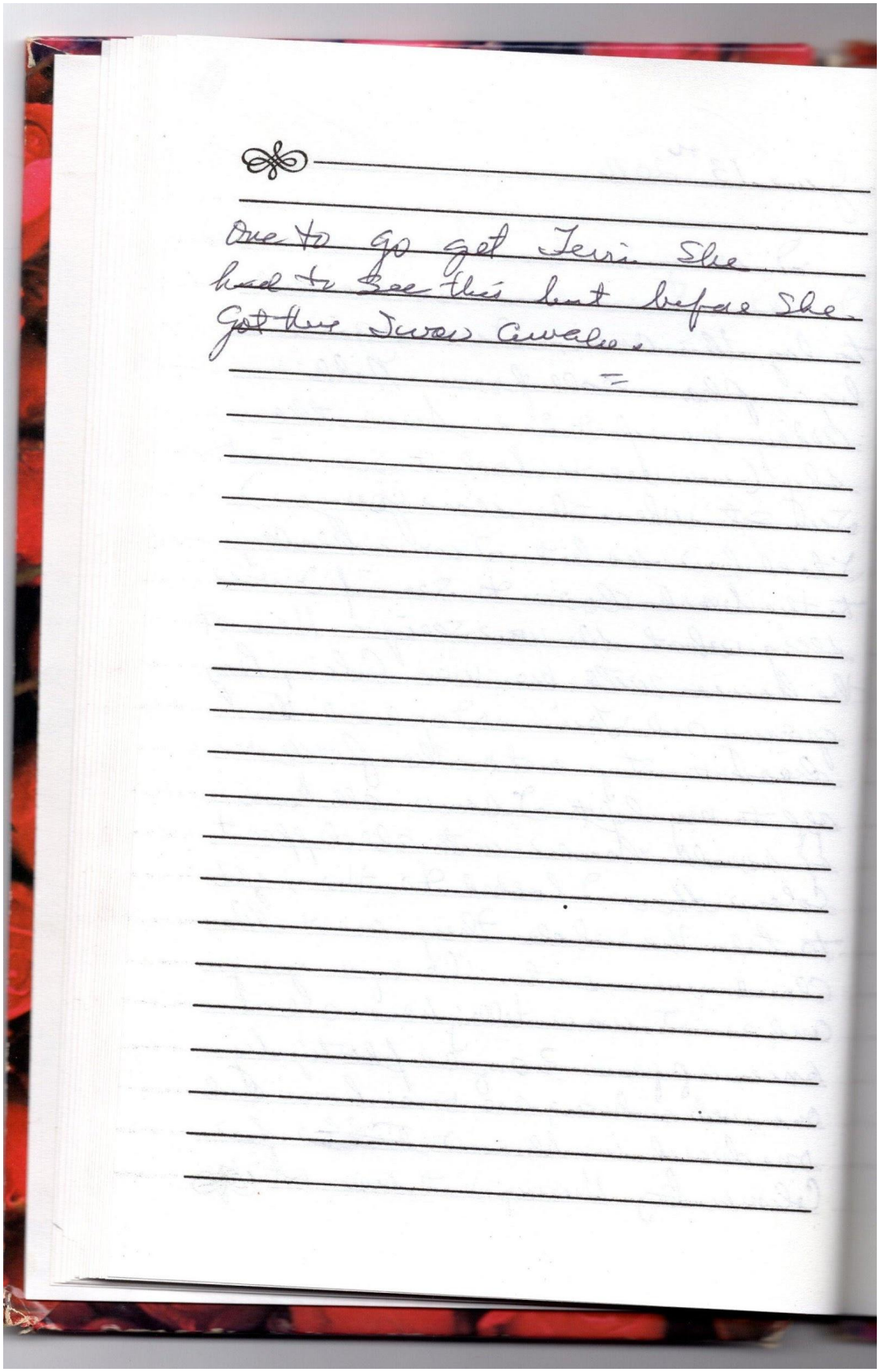


June 11 2016

Sitting here having a cup of coffee + thought I would share. Yesterday Colin ask me "Do you know why I like to come in here so much" and I said no but I thought it was because you loved me and he said I do love you but you know how little Camron & Carter is and how you don't remember things when you are that young. "Yes I do" Well I come in here to take care of you so you will still be mine when they are bigger. :)

June 13th 2016

I very seldom have dreams I can remember so decided to log this one. I was awakened by a phone call from Nikki asking me if I had seen the sky (we use to look at sun rise + set when she was younger) I told her no but I was heading to the back door to see if I was seeing what she was seeing. Here at the house with me we Colin, Big granny and Jess. I opened the door to step out on the porch or off to my left I saw all kind of small clouds with all deffeant colors then I looked to the right to take the whole thing in + the cloud was sorta dark + gray and as I was telling her she at once appear 3 angels floating by one with a horn, one on a horse and one dressed in blue + ~~told~~ for Colin or Big Granny not sure which

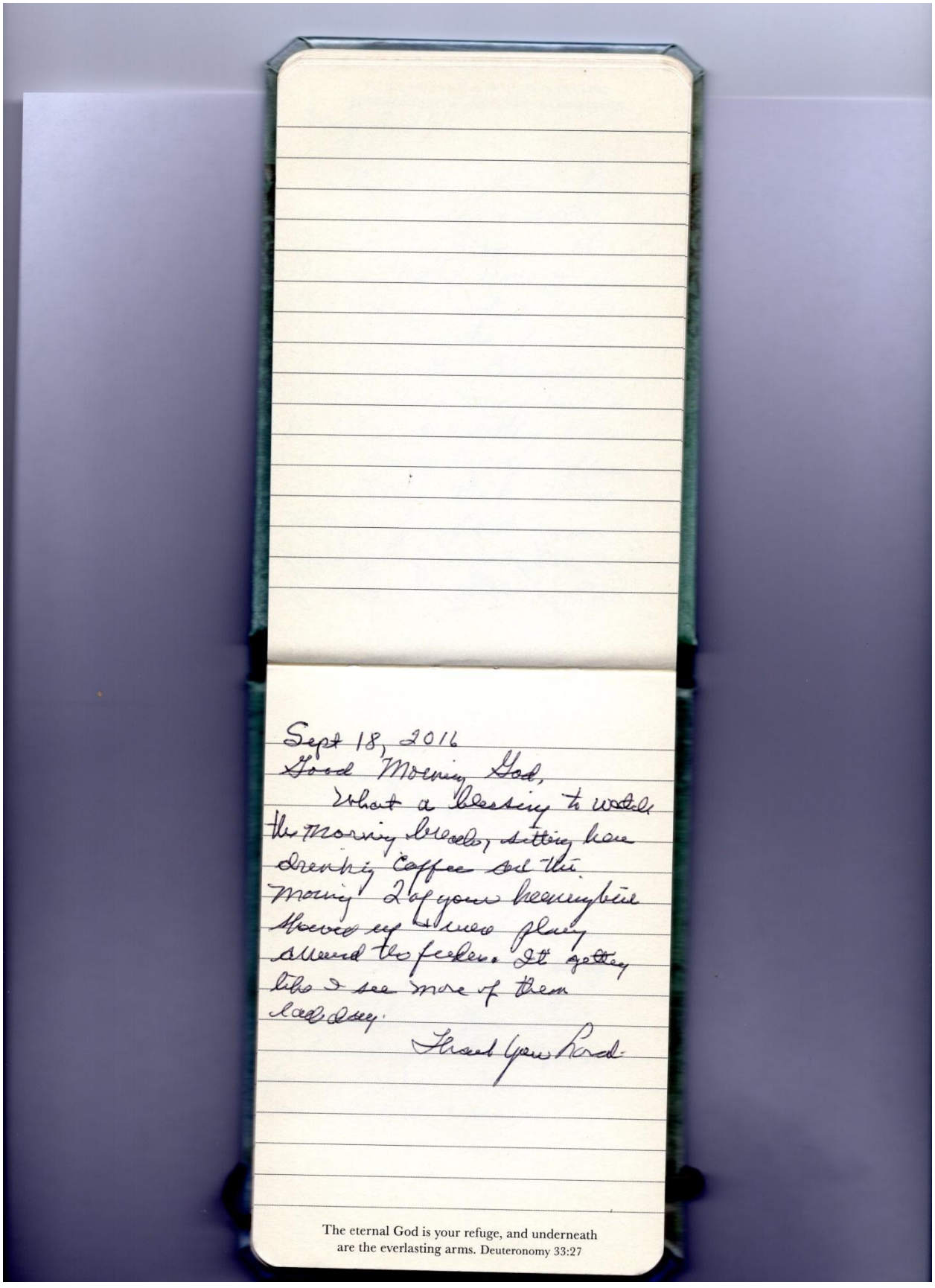

Due to go get Terri She had to see this but before she got the Twins awake.

June 20th, 2016

Last night I was in my chair watching TV & dozed off & next thing I knew, I felt Colin standing by my chair, (which he does a lot if I am quiet, he comes to check on me) Any way it startled me awake and took a minute before I realized he was not there, he had went home with Michelle, well I don't like feeling like that so I said a prayer for him. About an hour or less I got a call from Teri saying Colin was ok but he was on his way to the emergency room.

July 5, 2016

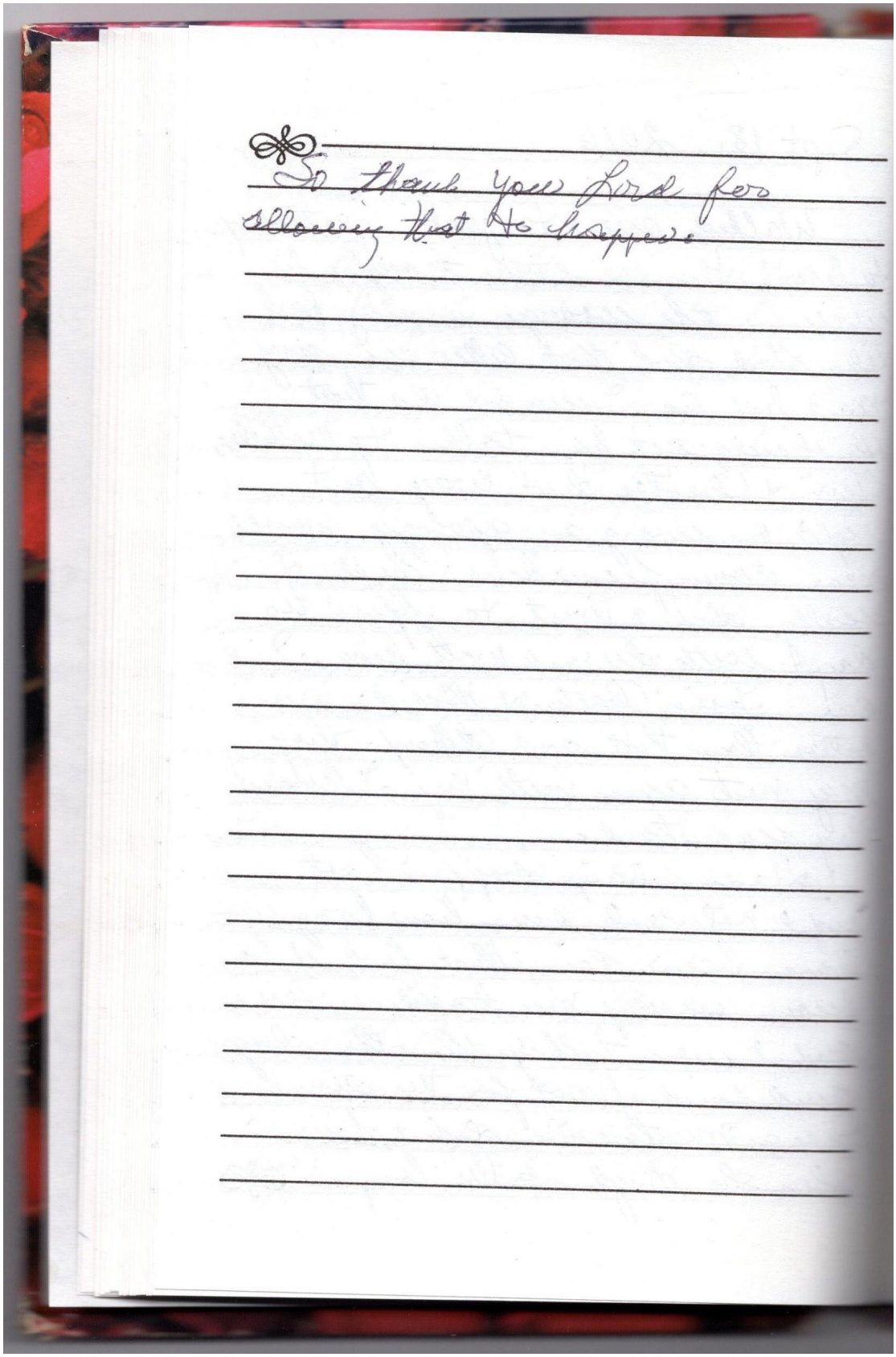
Slept in this AM until a little after 6. Was sitting at the table, looked up and there was a small hummingbird just sitting on my feeder - Not darting, no wings flapping or anything. I got up & went to the other window to get a picture and better look and still nothing. I thought maybe he was hurt or dead. So headed outside - ~~grabbed~~ got tall, took a small cloth with me to pick him up with. Got out to the feeder & realized one, laid the cloth over him & picked him up. Then I laid the cloth open in my hand & ran my fingers over his back to make sure he was alive & in just a few seconds he flew away. That was really strange.


Sept 18, 2016
Good Morning God,
What a blessing to wake
the morning breeze, sitting here
drinking coffee and the
morning Dof your heavenly
blessed us have plans
attend the feeders. It's getting
like I see more of them
each day.
Thank You Lord.
The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath
are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

Sept 18, 2016

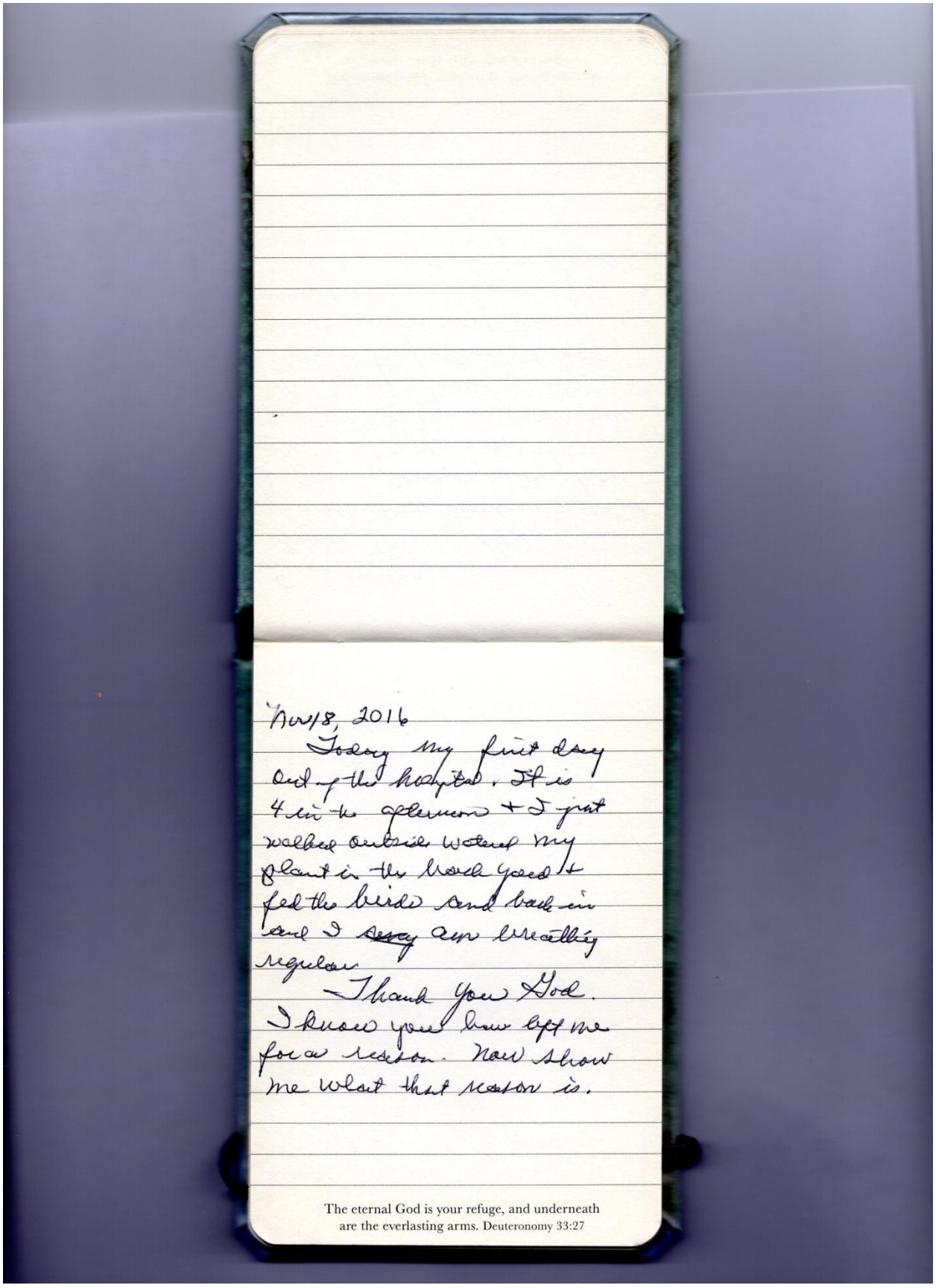
Walked over to Jacki yesterday to break the ice even though he was in the wrong. I really feel like God slid that letter in my mail box so I would do that! He should not have talked to Michelle, Terri & Cherita that way but right or wrong an apology would never come from him so I really didn't want to spend the day with Richard with him. I know Terri, Cherita & Michelle are better than that and although they may not agree with me I know they understand.

Had siblings supper last night & not real sure how long we have been doing that but it has become a very nice tradition. Terri and I were talking the other day and said if not for the dinner once a month she didn't know when she might see the boys. (over)


To thank you Lord for
allowing that to happen.

Oct 28, 2016

Yesterday was Carter's birthday + BG Dog & Connie, Carter + Teri were going to Cheeky Cheese so they stopped by here so I could give Carter the Merio Cart I had gotten him. On their way out BG noticed my banana tree on the porch (mind you she comes over every 3 Month or so to do my hair) and the little tree has been on my porch in the same spot for probably 3 years or so) anyway she fell in love with it & said she wished that when Dwan grew I had one a Carter in mind for the tree but I didn't have the heart to tell her the tree was dead and had been for a long time


Aug 18, 2016

Today my first day out of the hospital. It is 4 in the afternoon + I just walked outside watered my plant in the back yard + fed the birds and back in and I ~~sway~~ am healthy regular.

Thank you God. I know you have kept me for a reason. Now show me what that reason is.

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December 12, 2016

Good Morning God,

I just want to thank you for allowing Tammy & me to have these two weeks. It has been so wonderful two together. Thank you for bringing Tracy & Steve down & thank you for allowing me this time here to spend with all my children, grandchildren & grandchildren. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful family & two to

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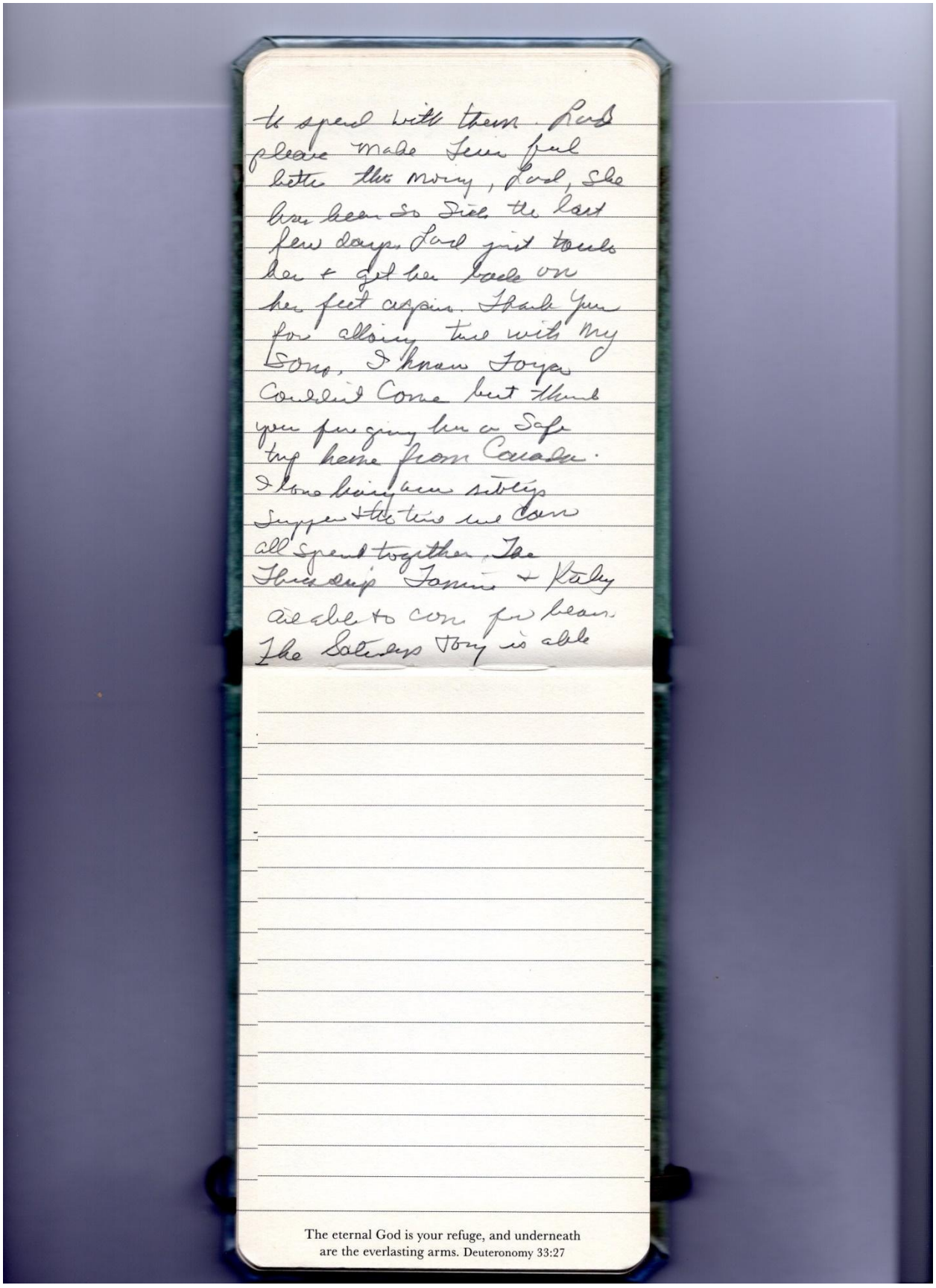
to spend with them. Lord
please make Jenn feel
better this morning, Lord, She
has been so sick the last
few days. Lord just touch
her & get her back on
her feet again. Thank you
for allowing time with my
Sons. I know Tonya
couldn't come but thank
you for giving her a safe
trip home from Canada.
I love having us all
supper & the time we can
all spend together. Like
Thursday Jasmine & Katy
are able to come for beans.
Like Saturday Tony is able

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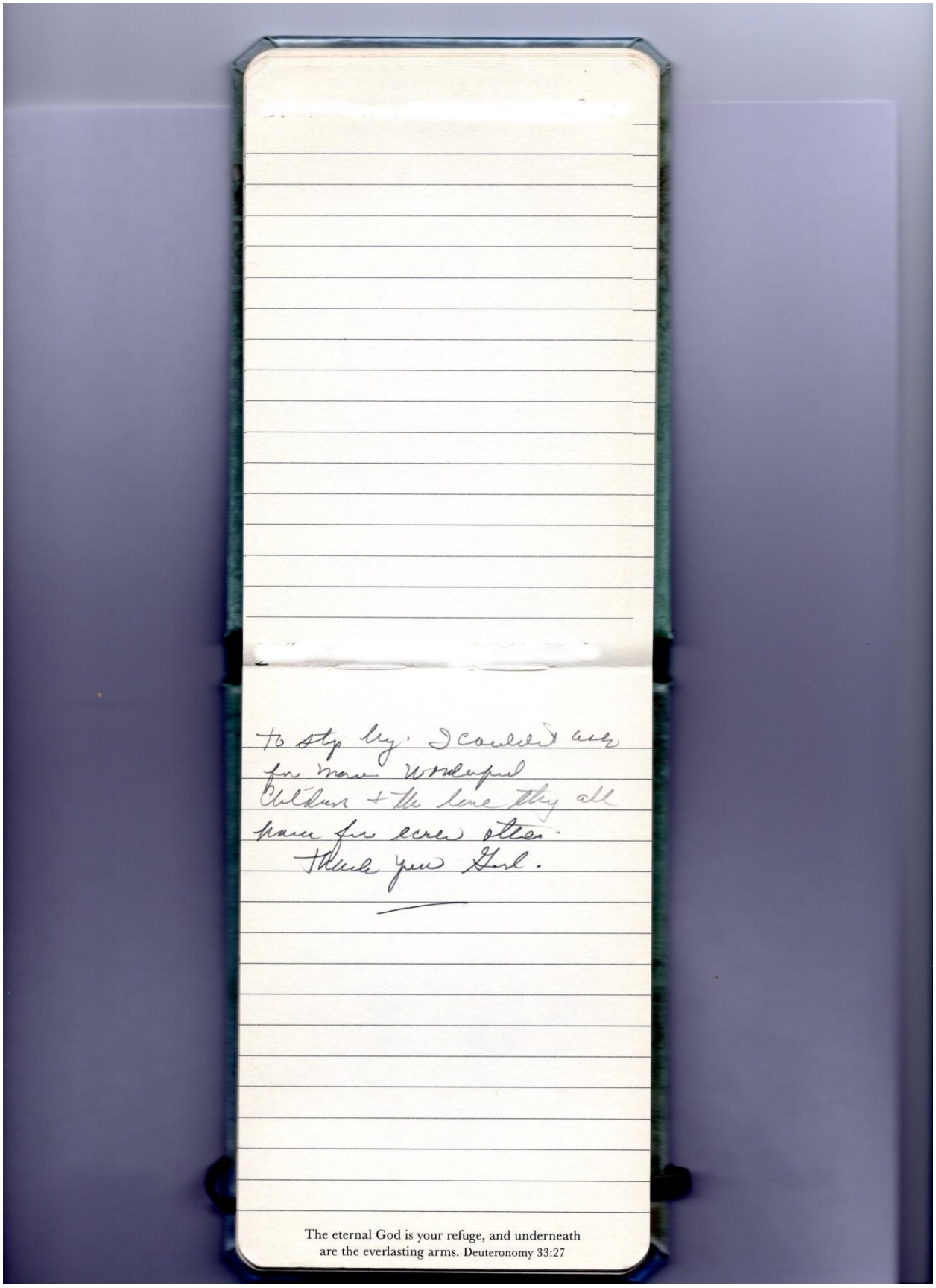
to stop by. I could ask
for more wonderful
children + the love they all
have for ever other.
Thank you God.

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March 3, 2017

Happy Birthday, Tammy.

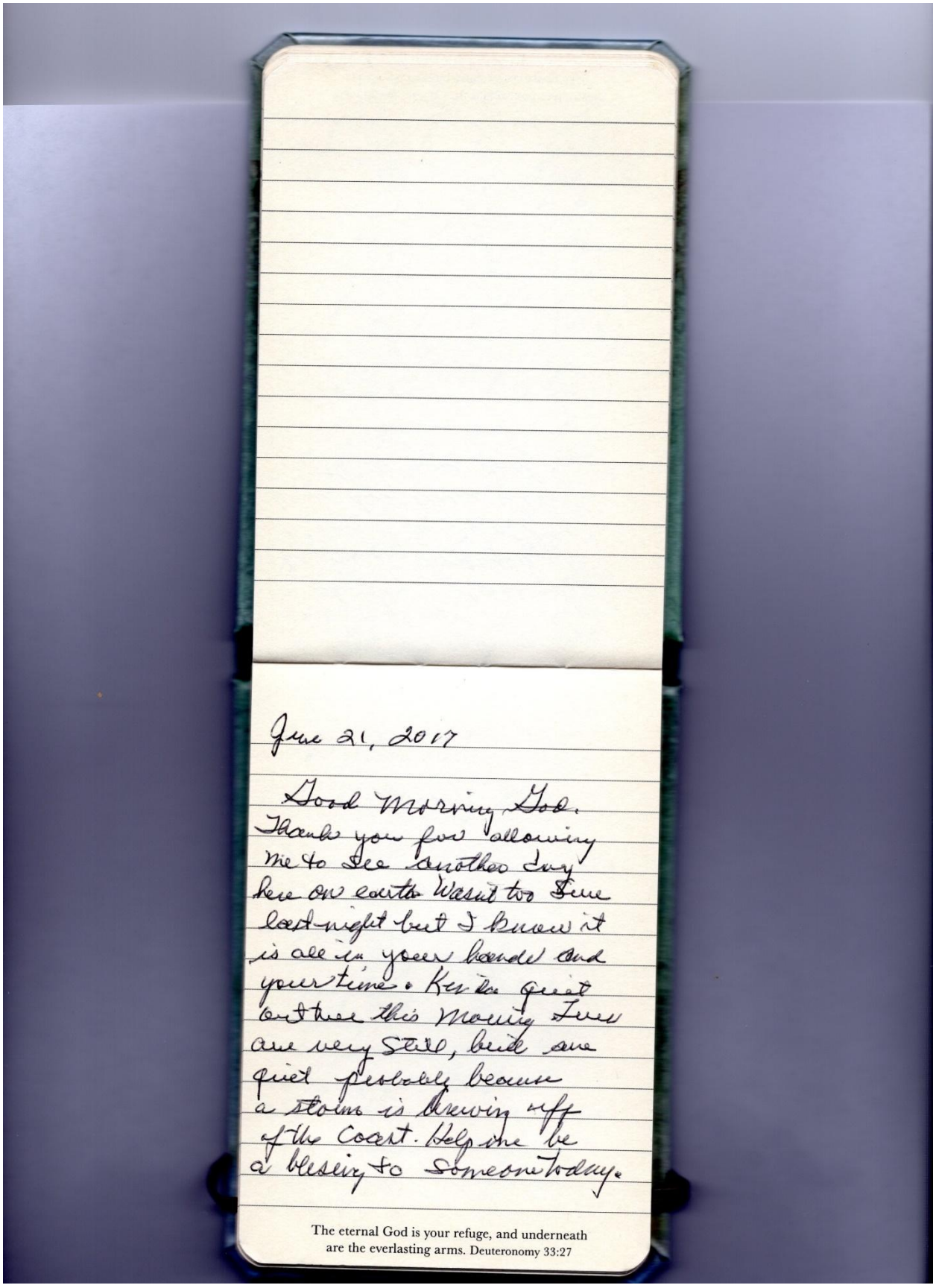
I am sitting here drinking coffee and about 6:00 am. I glance across the street & see "Felix the Cat" sitting on the side of the tree (I have seen it before) and of course I know it is only a reflection but I would love to ask others what they see if anything or if I just have an artistic eye or wild imagination of course it disappears later in the day but today I noticed he is gone before 7 AM so no one to ask 😊 but I love having coffee and glancing out my window & you would be surprised what I see, some real and some imagining but either way it is a nice way to start your day.

April 3rd, 2017

I love this time of the morning - day breaks, things starting to wake up. I was sitting here I guess day dreaming and I saw the pretty white lily blooming in my front yard + wondered to myself why I had not seen it earlier. It was like it just popped up over night so I put glasses on to get a better view - Guess what - no white lilly - just a piece of paper laying in the yard. :)

Also I very seldom remember dreams but for some reason this one stayed with me. I was in this truck + pepsi were turning bullets loose on me, while running I came upon this woman who was limping so I grabbed her hand + tried pulling her asset + together we we running when the very bright light brightened up the sky + ∞

All the bills, most mine just disappeared. I think maybe God was telling me it wasn't my time yet there was still a couple of things I needed to do.


June 21, 2017

Good Morning God.
Thank you for allowing
me to see another day
here on earth. Wasn't too sure
last night but I knew it
is all in your hands and
your time. Keep in quiet
on these this morning. Trees
are very still, birds are
quiet probably because
a storm is brewing off
the coast. Help me be
a blessing to someone today.

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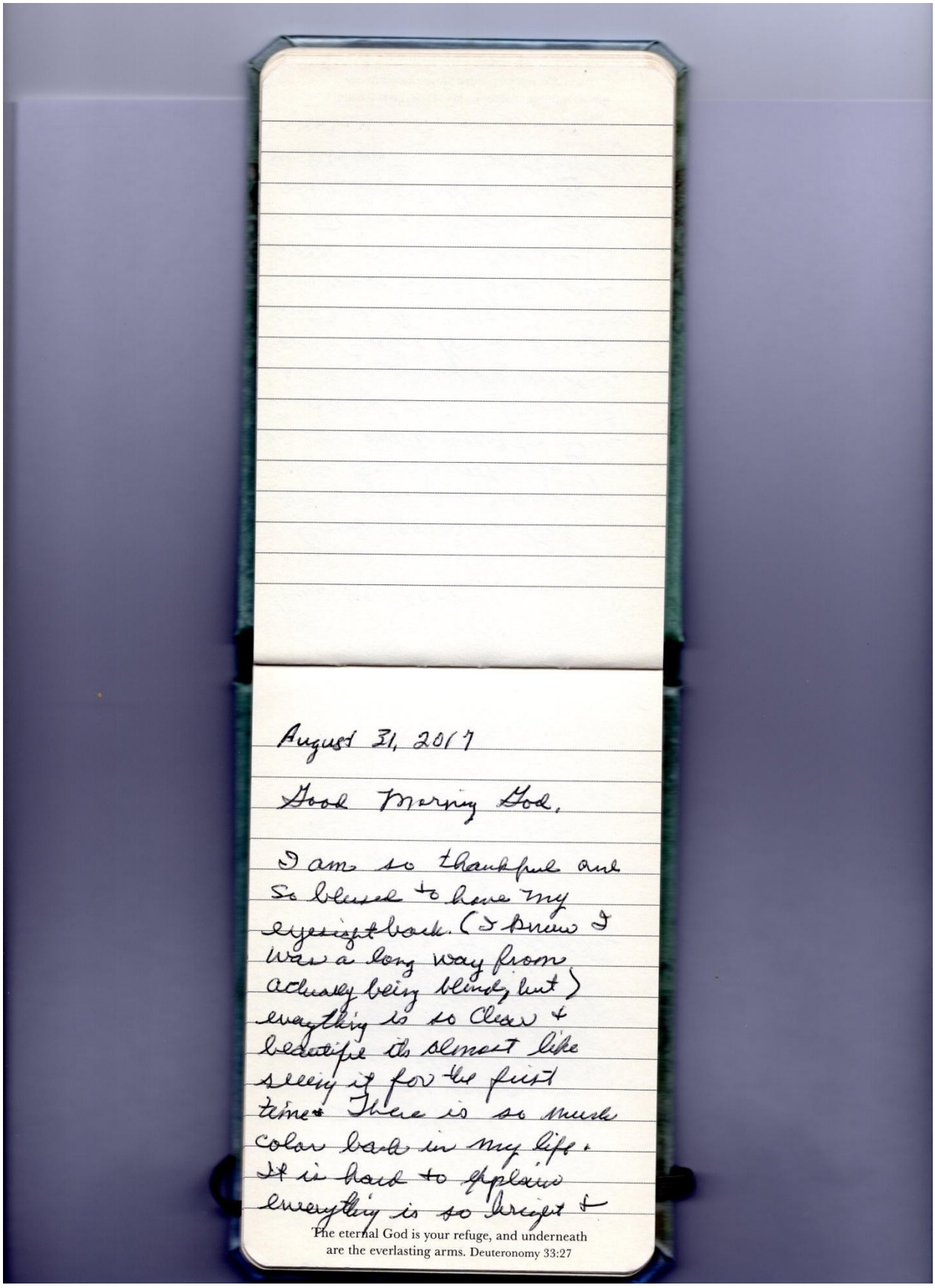

August 31, 2017

Good Morning God.

I am so thankful and so blessed to have my eyesight back. (I knew I was a long way from actually being blind, but) everything is so clear & beautiful its almost like seeing it for the first time. There is so much color back in my life. It is hard to explain everything is so bright &

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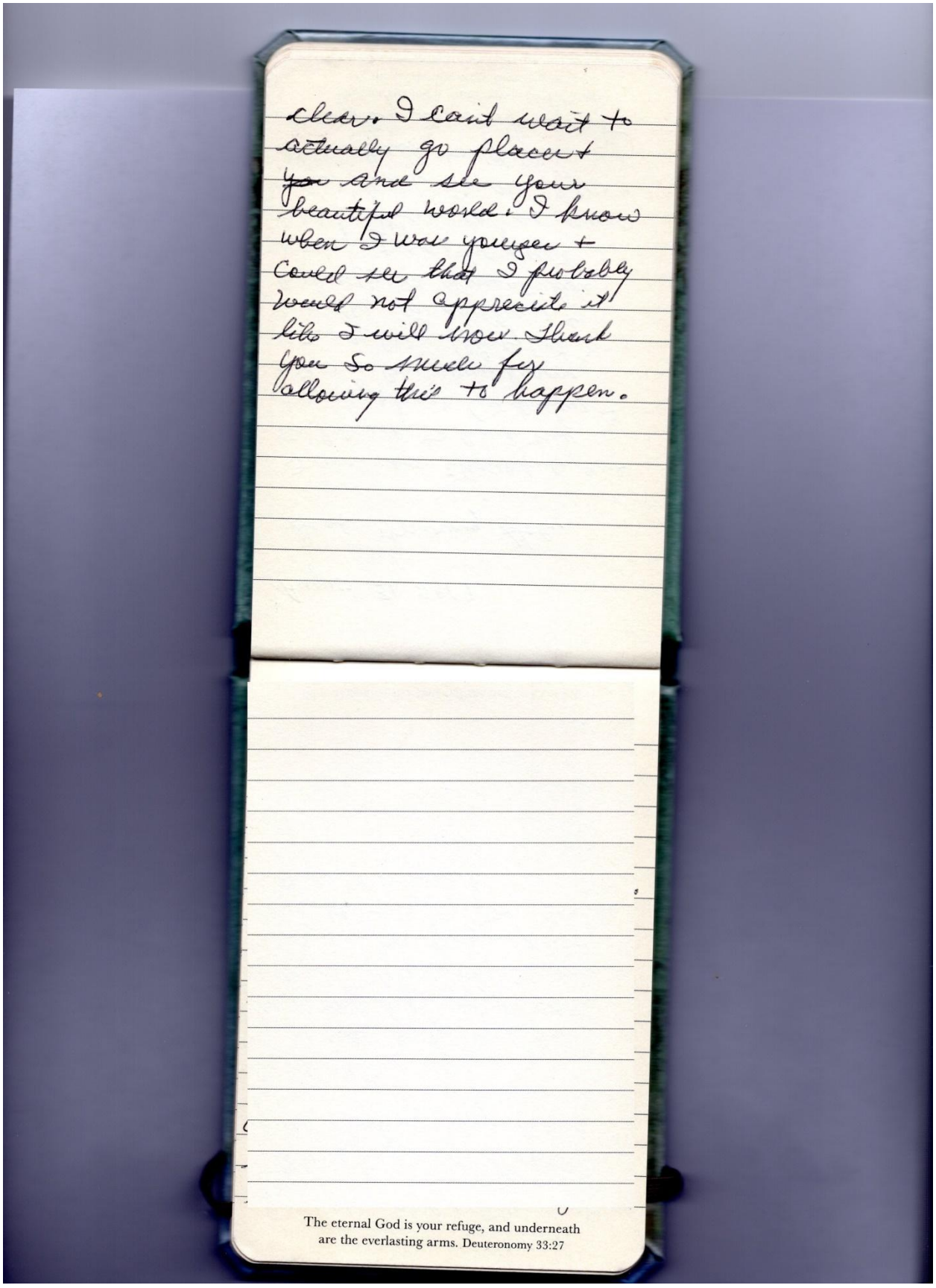
clear. I can't wait to actually go places and see your beautiful world. I know when I was younger & could see that I probably would not appreciate it like I will now. Thank you so much for allowing this to happen.

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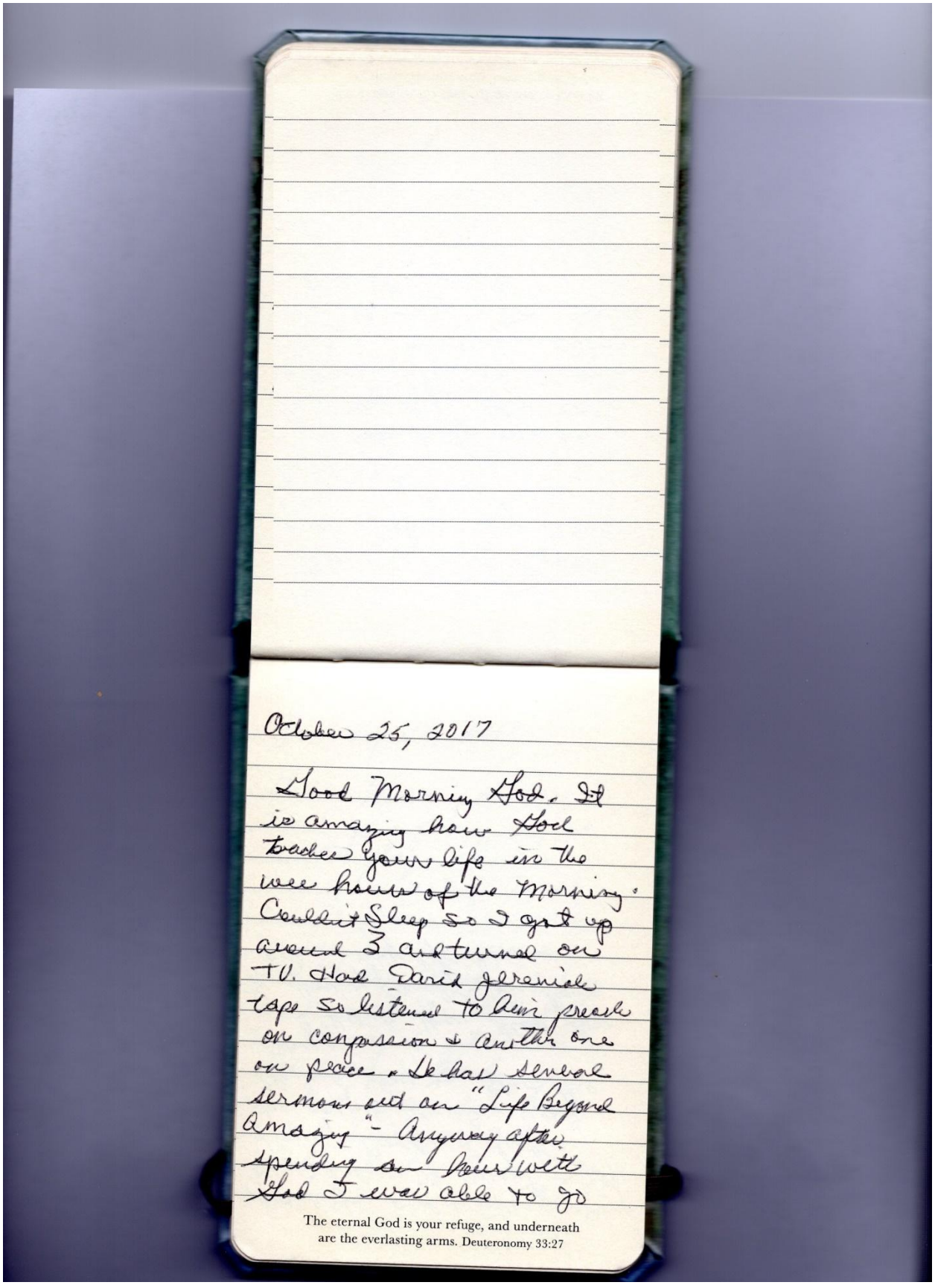

October 25, 2017

Good Morning God. It is amazing how God teaches your life in the wee hours of the morning. Couldn't Sleep so I got up around 3 and turned on TV. Had David Jeremiah tape so listened to him speak on compassion & another one on peace. He has several sermons out on "Life Beyond Amazing" - Anyway after spending an hour with God I was able to go

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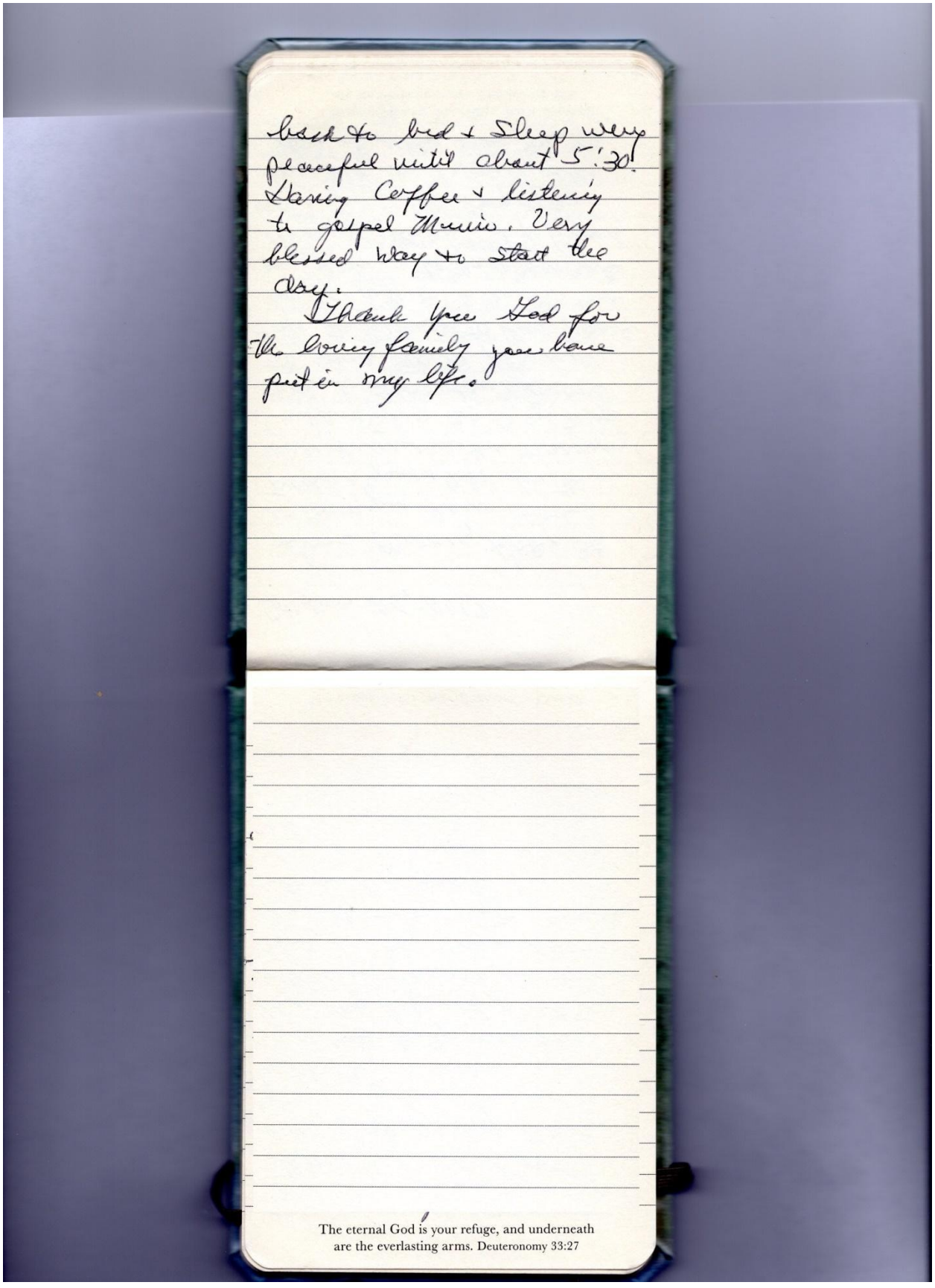
back to bed & sleep very peaceful until about 5:30. Having coffee & listening to gospel Music. Very blessed way to start the day.

Thank you God for the loving family you have put in my life.

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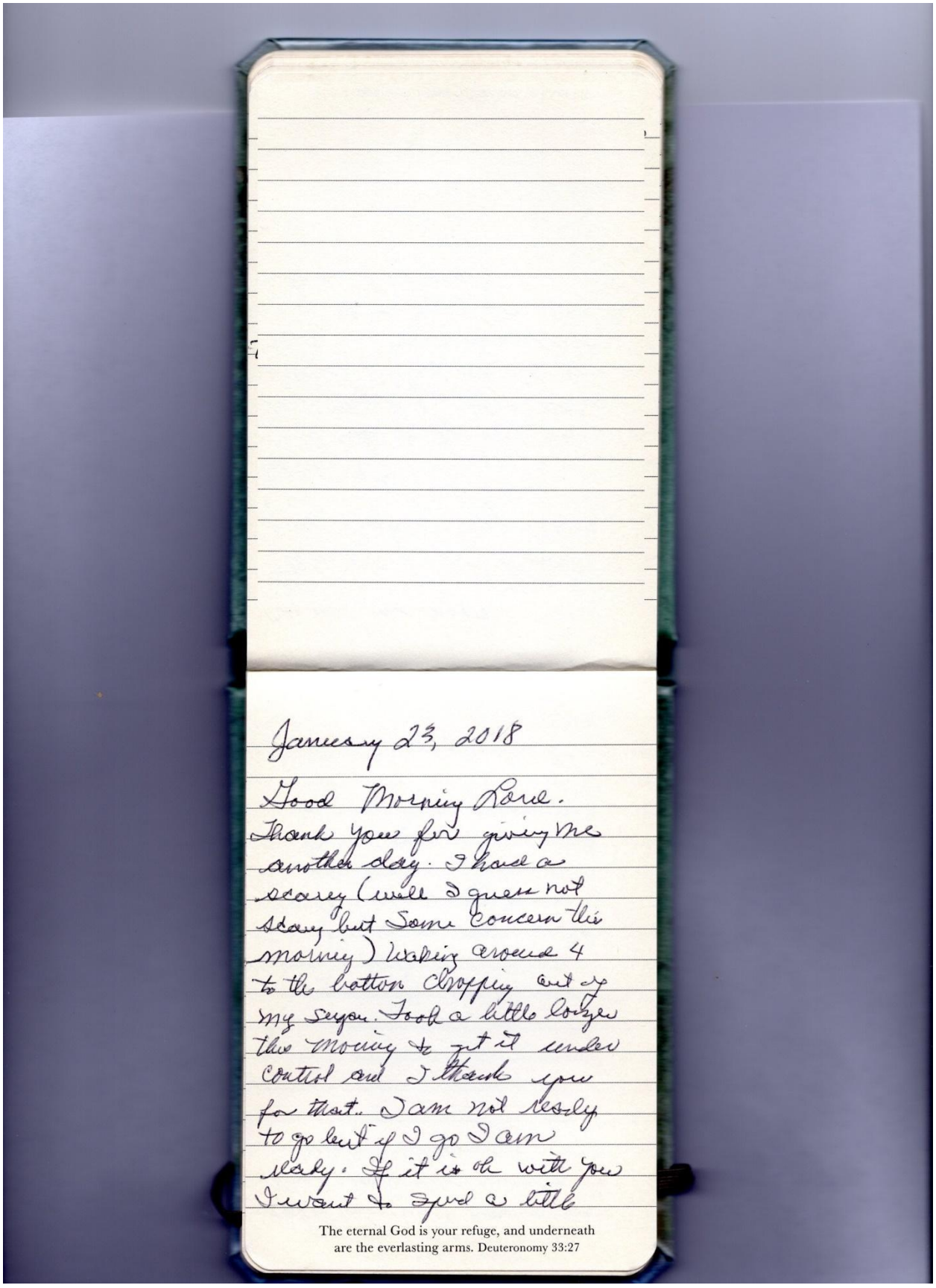
2018

Decided to make this my goof up journal - :" (not just mine)

The first for this year occurring on the 7th of January. Michele + the kids picked me up for church Sunday morning + we were over half way there and I realized I had forgotten my teeth - Oh yes, I did, but we were almost there and running late so told Shellie just to go on and I would either use a napkin or not smile - Needless to say the kids all got a big laugh out of that so we had to threaten them not to tell anyone. :"

January ~~3~~ 11th, 2018

Got up had my Morning Coffee and as usual opened the front door and went about my day. Shellie called to see if I wanted to go to lunch, yes that sounded good. Got ready to go and started to grab my car keys + head out - No keys on my shelf. Looked down + there they were in the door - Had been there all night !!!



January 23, 2018

Good Morning Lord.
Thank you for giving me
another day. I had a
scary (well I guess not
scary but some concern this
morning) waking around 4
to the button chopping out of
my sugar. Took a little Lorzyn
this morning to get it under
control and I thank you
for that. I am not ready
to go but if I go I am
ready. If it is ok with you
I want to spend a little

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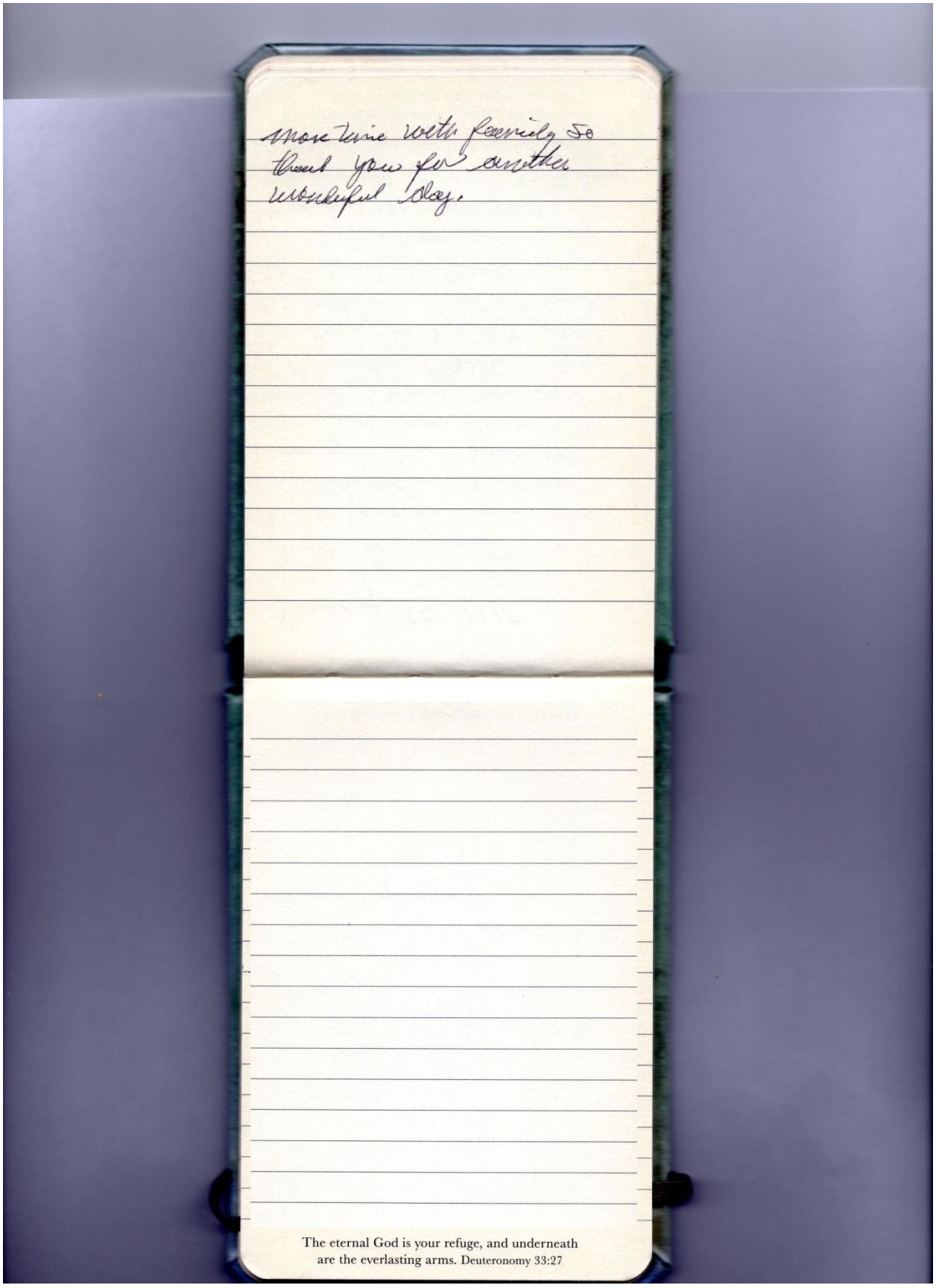
more time with family so
thank you for another
wonderful day.
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Feb 22, 2018

As I sit here at 4:45 AM drinking Coffee my mind goes back to last night. Alan and I came in from Jacksonville and watch a couple of episodes of Hunter Street and after it was over he looked at me and said, "Mama can I ask you a question." Then he ask me what color your spirit was. I wasn't sure how to answer that but before I could he went on to say "I was just wondering because I know why I died I will go to heaven but without my body. I went on to explain the Rapture and how when Jesus came back he was taking people to heaven & they would be back in their bodies, etc. I can't possibly write all the we talked about but only God knows this young man's heart and how much I enjoy being in my life. I love all my grandchildren but he spends a

a lot of time with me & most of the things he tells me about & the questions he has are so grown up and down to earth it turns as big chunk out of being alone. I am not baby sitting he is. He is a lot of company for me. I love these conversations we get into. Actually that's the case with any of my grandchildren or grand children that stop by. They never act like I am just an elderly person. Our conversations are lots of fun & talking. I thank God every day for the blessing. My family loves me.

March 27, 2018

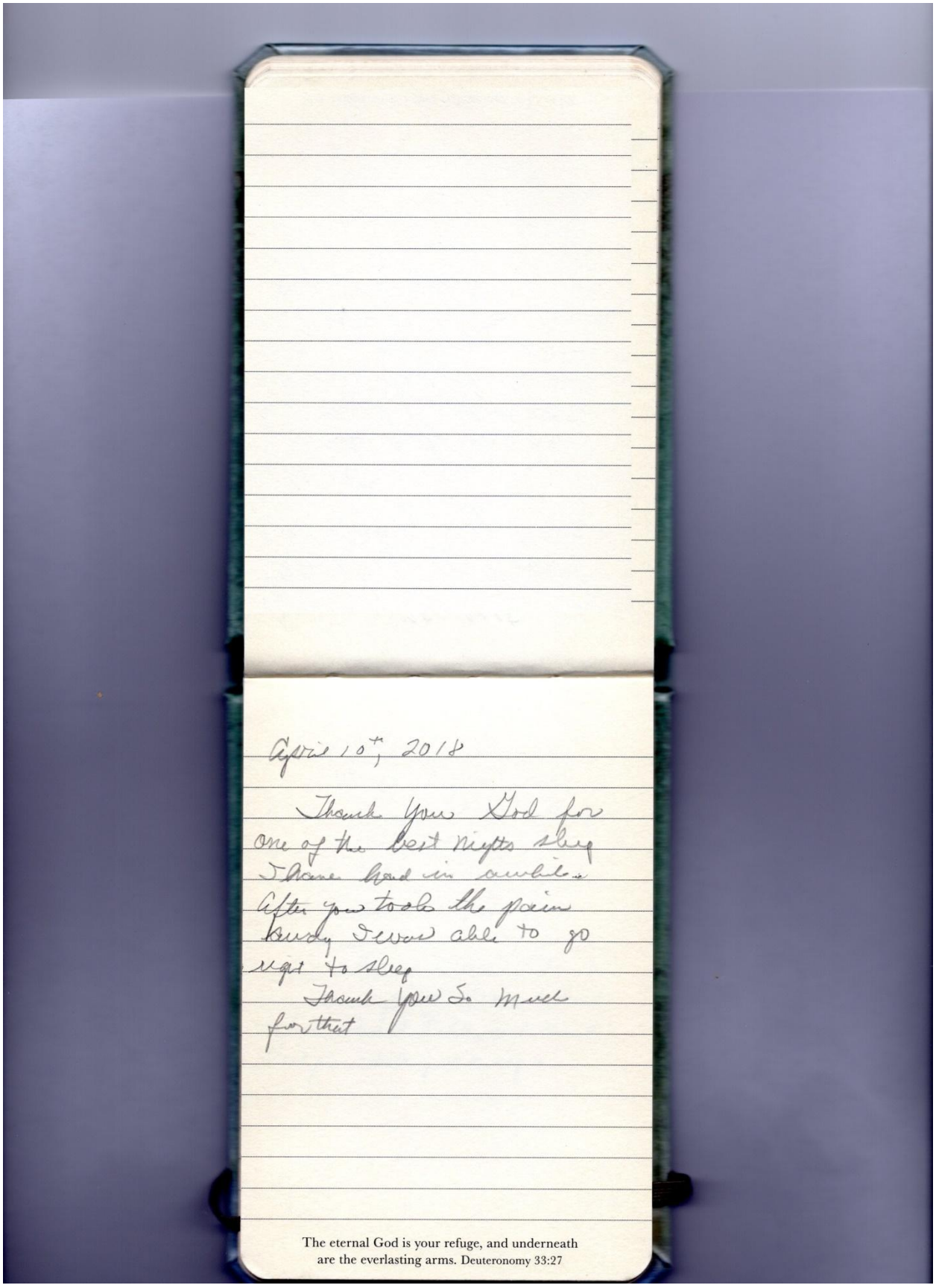
Well today is Tommie last day at Chelsea. He's been 31 years he's been there. He actually doesn't retire until the 28th but today is his last day. Congratulations Son, I am happy for you.



April 9th 2018

Wow I have went a long time with no blunders but here we are again.

Last night I made coffee as usual. Then proceed to fill the dishwasher, had extra room so put the coffee pot in the washer - silly myself - Don't forget now in the morning before you turn the coffee on to get the pot out of the dishwasher ---- Well you guessed it I just went out turned on the coffee pot, came in + set down - went back to get my coffee. I had coffee but it wasn't in the pot it was what you would Call "Counter Coffee" 😊


April 10th, 2018

Thank you God for one of the best nights sleep I have had in awhile. After you took the pain away I was able to go right to sleep.

Thank you so much for that

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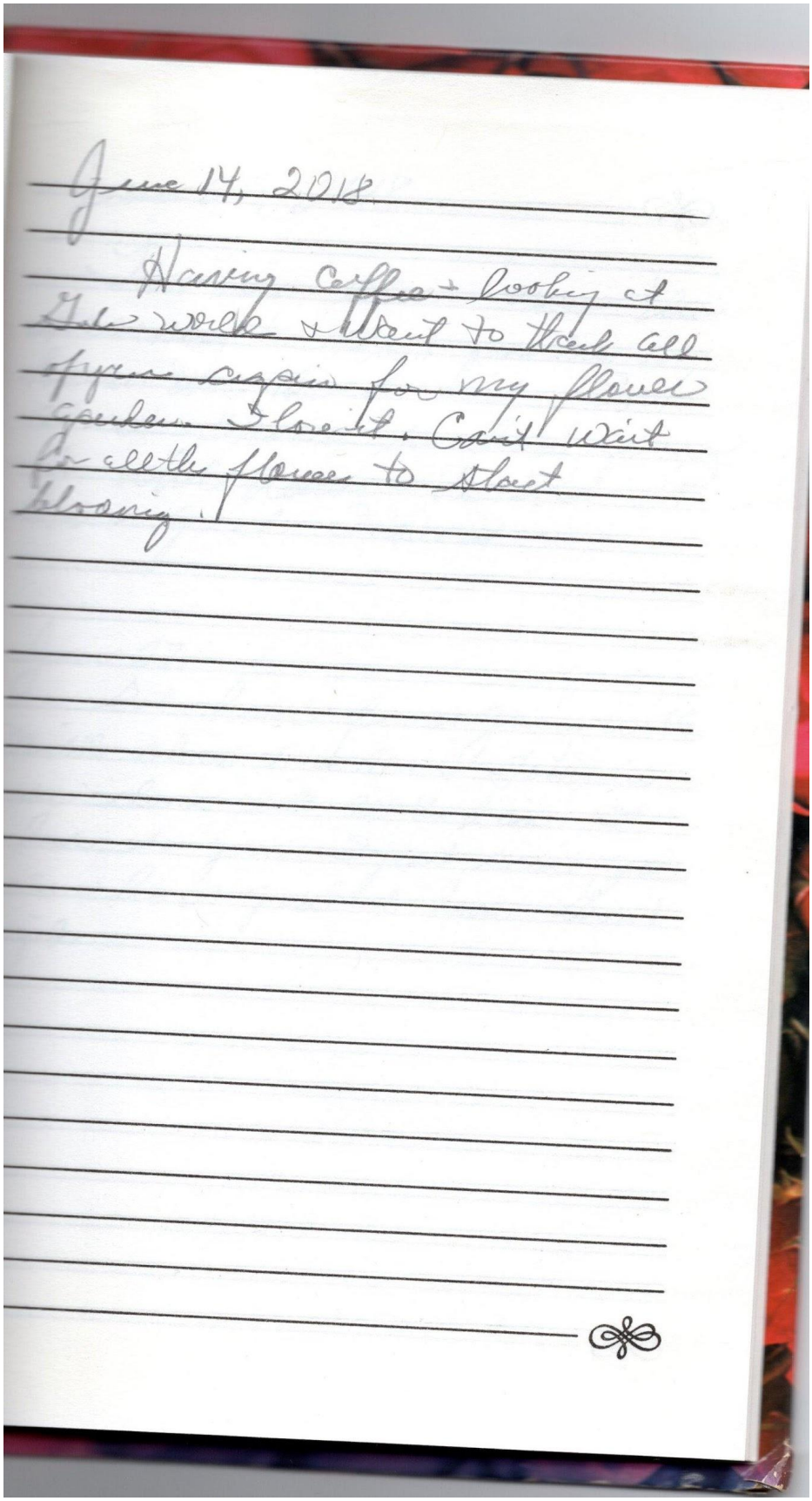
On June 2nd 2018, mom, Tony & me (Tammy) were visiting at mom's house. Tony was telling us that he has a class reunion at the end of the month.

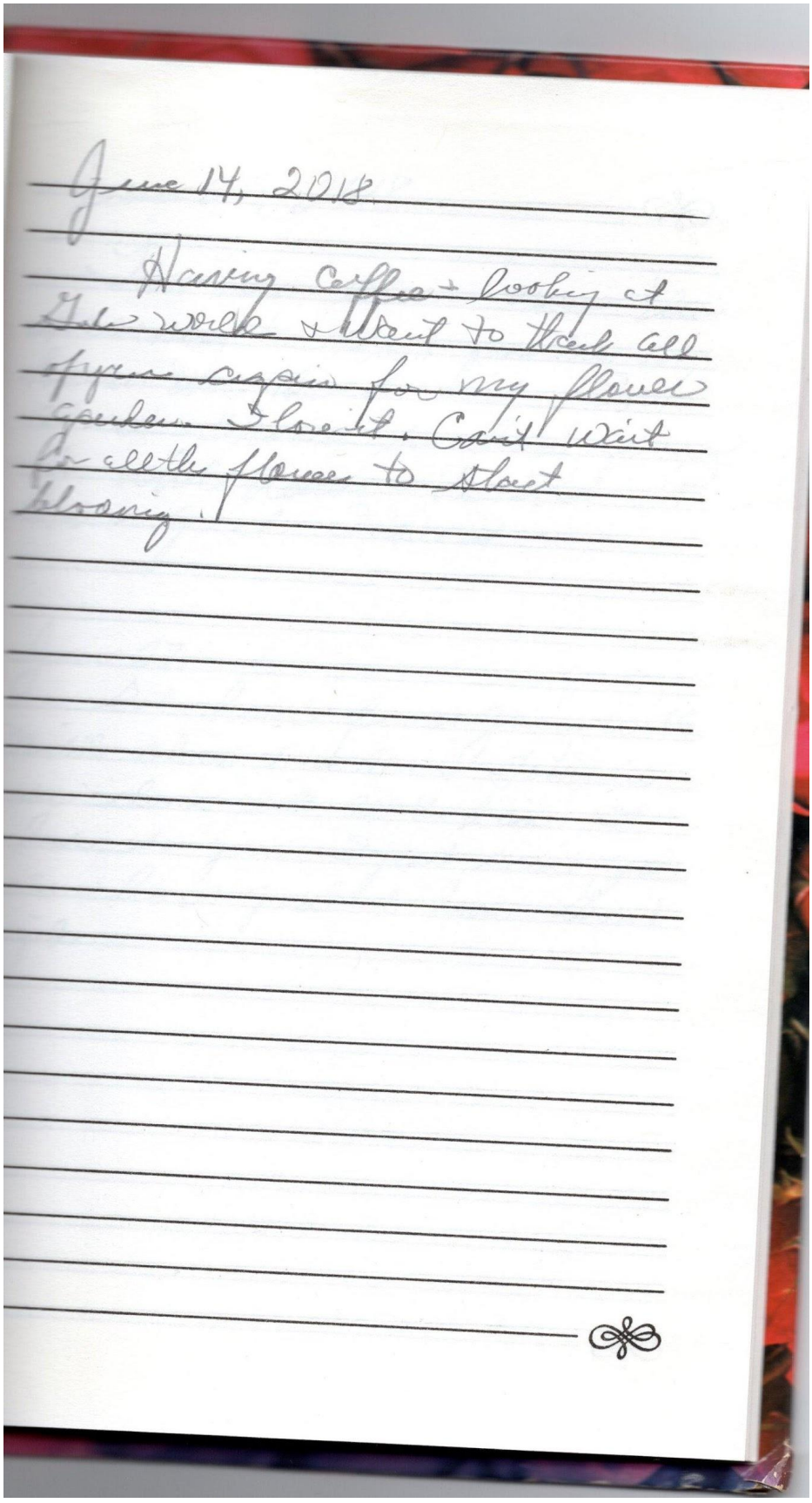
Mom asked "this month or next month?

Tony looked at her with great puzzlement. He knew it was June 2nd but he said "What month is this?"

Mom bobbled her head up and down and said "it is may and then without skipping a beat, while still bobbly her head, she said "it is June". We laughed because may 31st, (the last day of may), mom's birthday, had happened so it was clear may 31st had passed and we were in June


June 14, 2018

Having coffee + looking at the work I want to get all types again for my flower garden. I love it. Can't wait for all the flowers to start blooming.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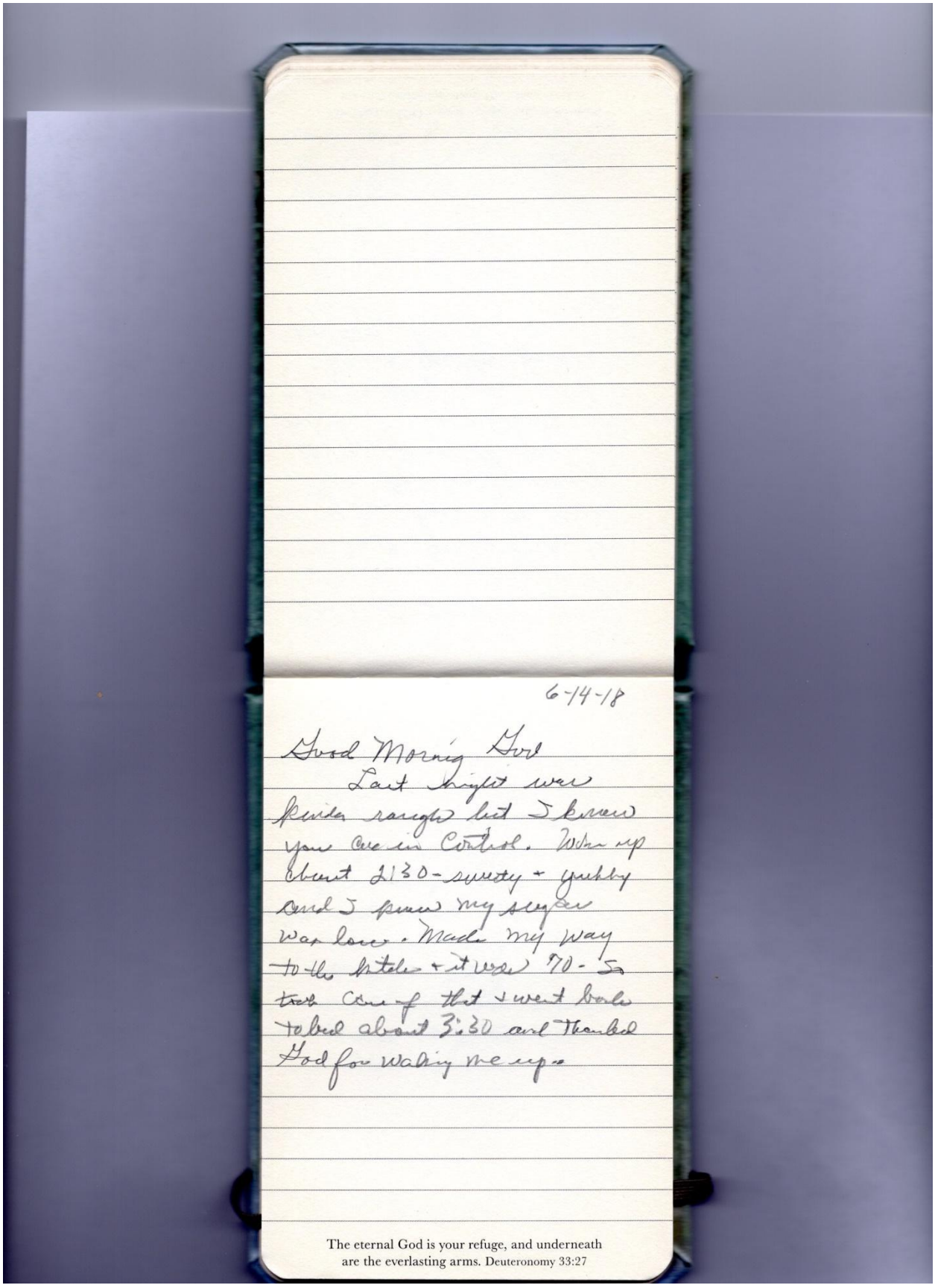
6-14-18

Good Morning God
Last night was
kinda rough but I know
you are in Control. Woke up
about 2:30 - sweaty + yucky
and I guess my sleeper
was low. Made my way
to the bathroom + it was 70 - So
took care of that + went back
to bed about 3:30 and thanked
God for waking me up.

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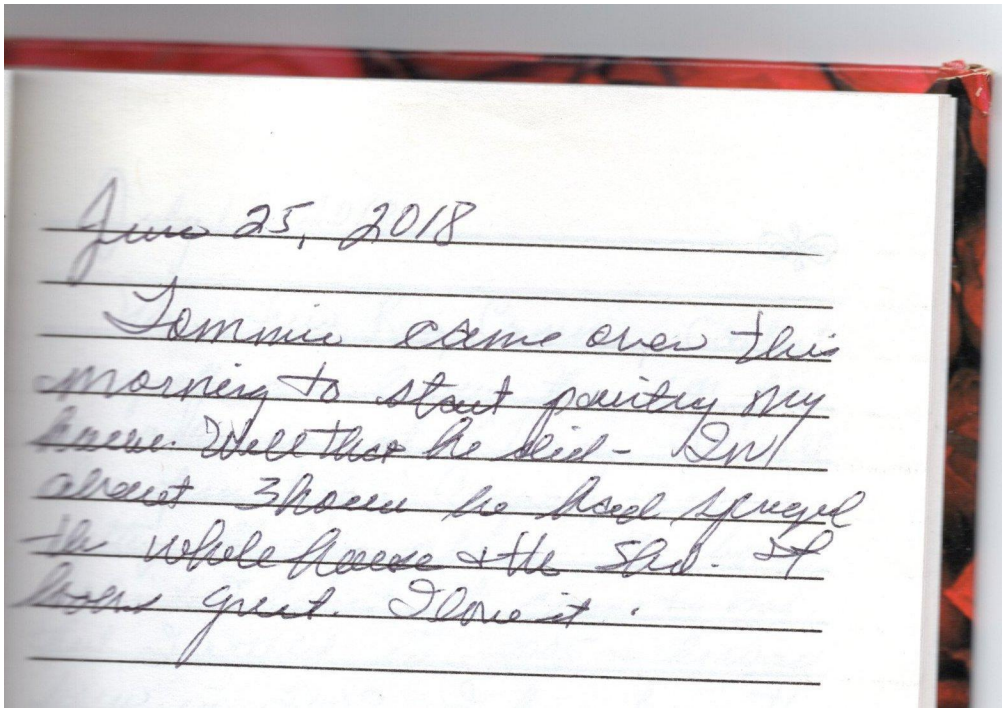
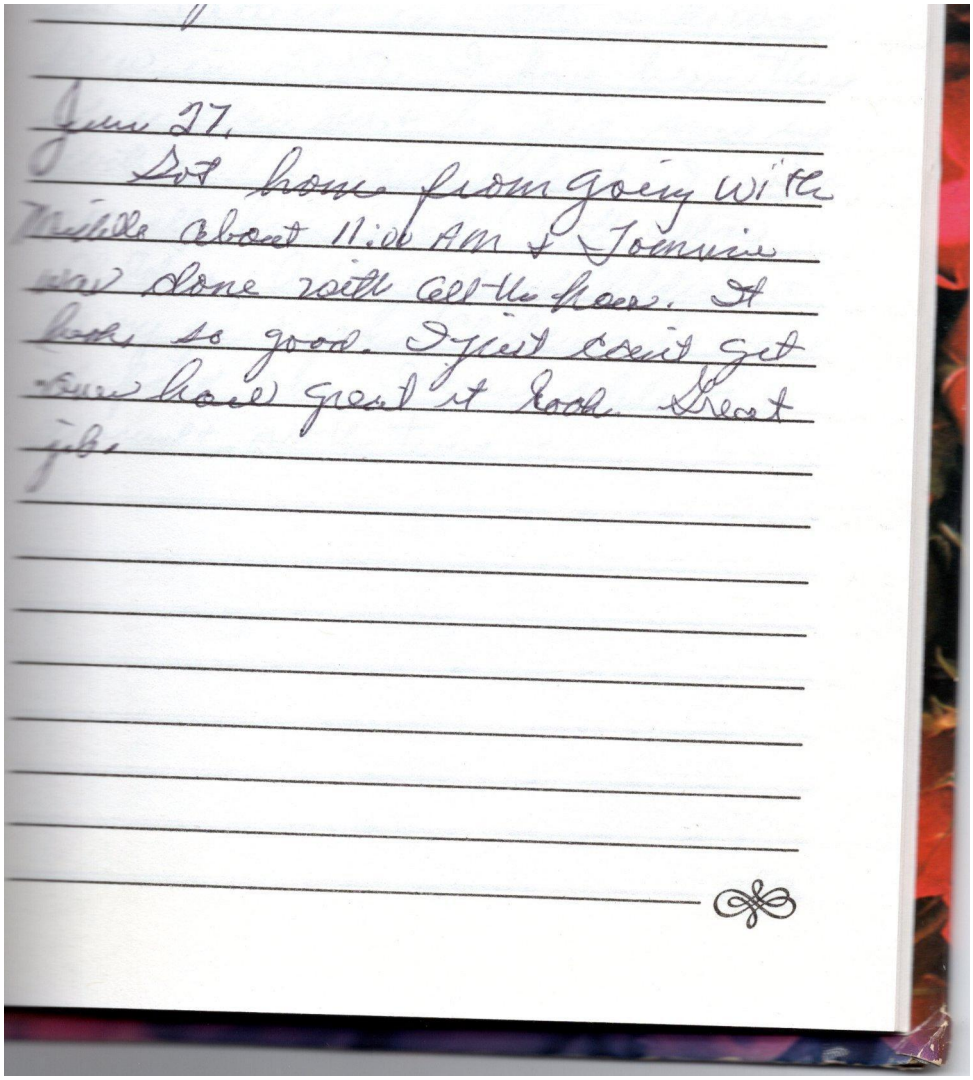

June 25, 2018

Tommie came over this morning to start painting my house. Well then he died - Did about 3 hours he had layed the whole house + the shed. It looks great. I love it.


June 27,
Got home from going with Michelle about 11:00 AM & Johnnie was done with all the chores. It looks so good. I just can't get over how great it looks. Great job.

Monday, July 9th 2018

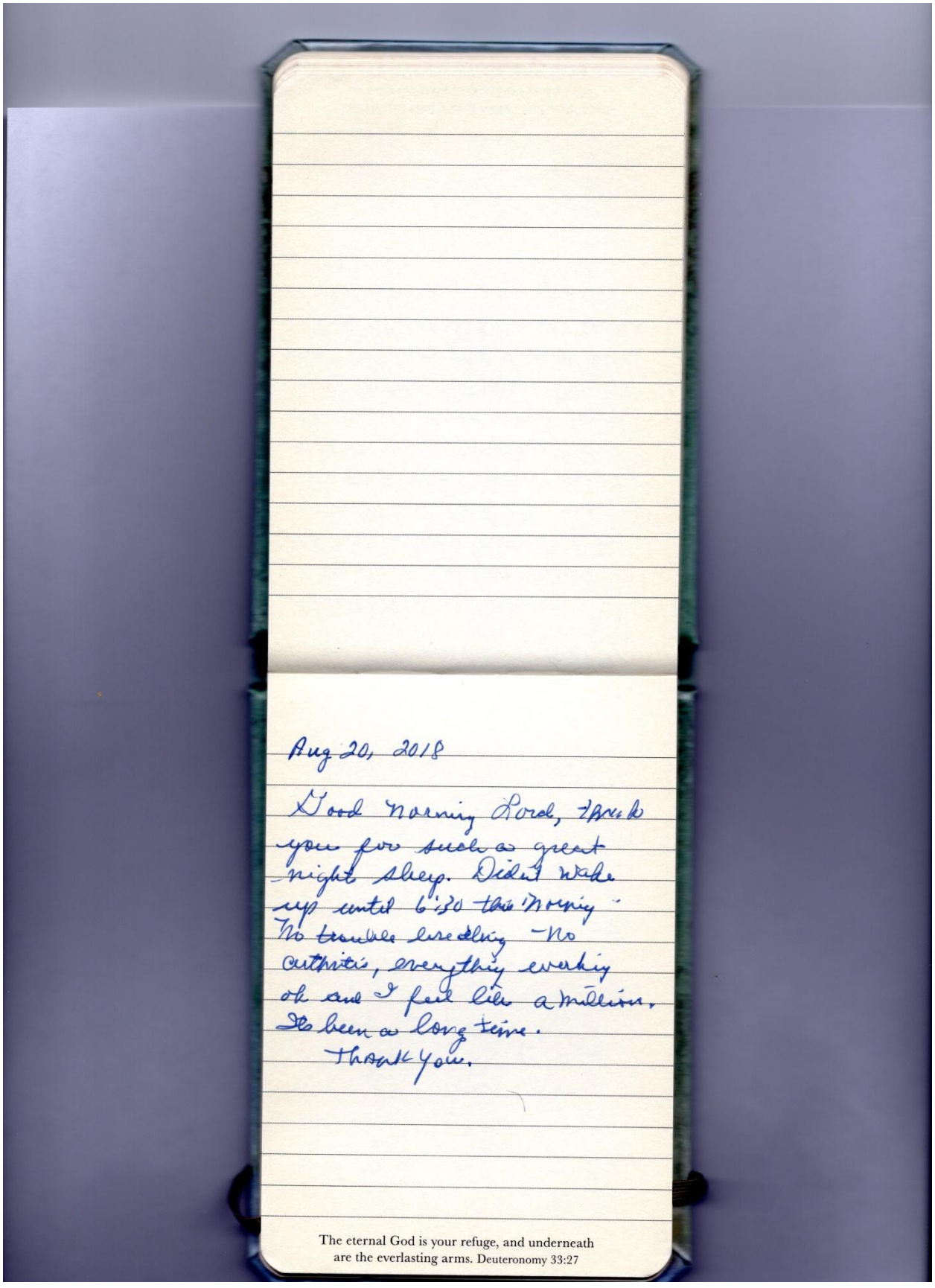
Yesterday when Marvin & I got to church @ ICB (She spent the night with me) anyway Eloise came back to tell me Good Morning & She leaned one & whispered in my ear, "you might want to go to the bathroom, your have your blouse on backward." I started laughing & said I'm too tired I will just put my sweater on. About that time Carolyn walked up & we all got a chuckle out of that. When they left I said to Ros "Why didn't you tell me & She said I never noticed mine. I had been walking around the house the last hour & neither one of us noticed

July 12, 2018

We, Jess, Rod, Connie, Carter & myself are leaving this AM for a week-end at Geary. It will be fun trip. Anyway I was sitting thinking about the bond Colin & I have & it came to me that I retired in 2005 & he was born in 2007. I have been there every day & he just grew up with me. He was the first I was actually home with. With all my children, all my grandchildren & the great grandchildren he was the first one I was able to be around all the time.

August 20, 2018

Went to Sibley last Sat and Tony was telling us about getting his beard caught in one of the truck tires he was trying to plug. Too funny!


Aug 20, 2018
Good morning Lord, Thank you for such a great night sleep. Didn't wake up until 6:30 this morning. No trouble breathing - no arthritis, everything working ok and I feel like a million. It's been a long time.
Thank you.
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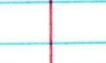
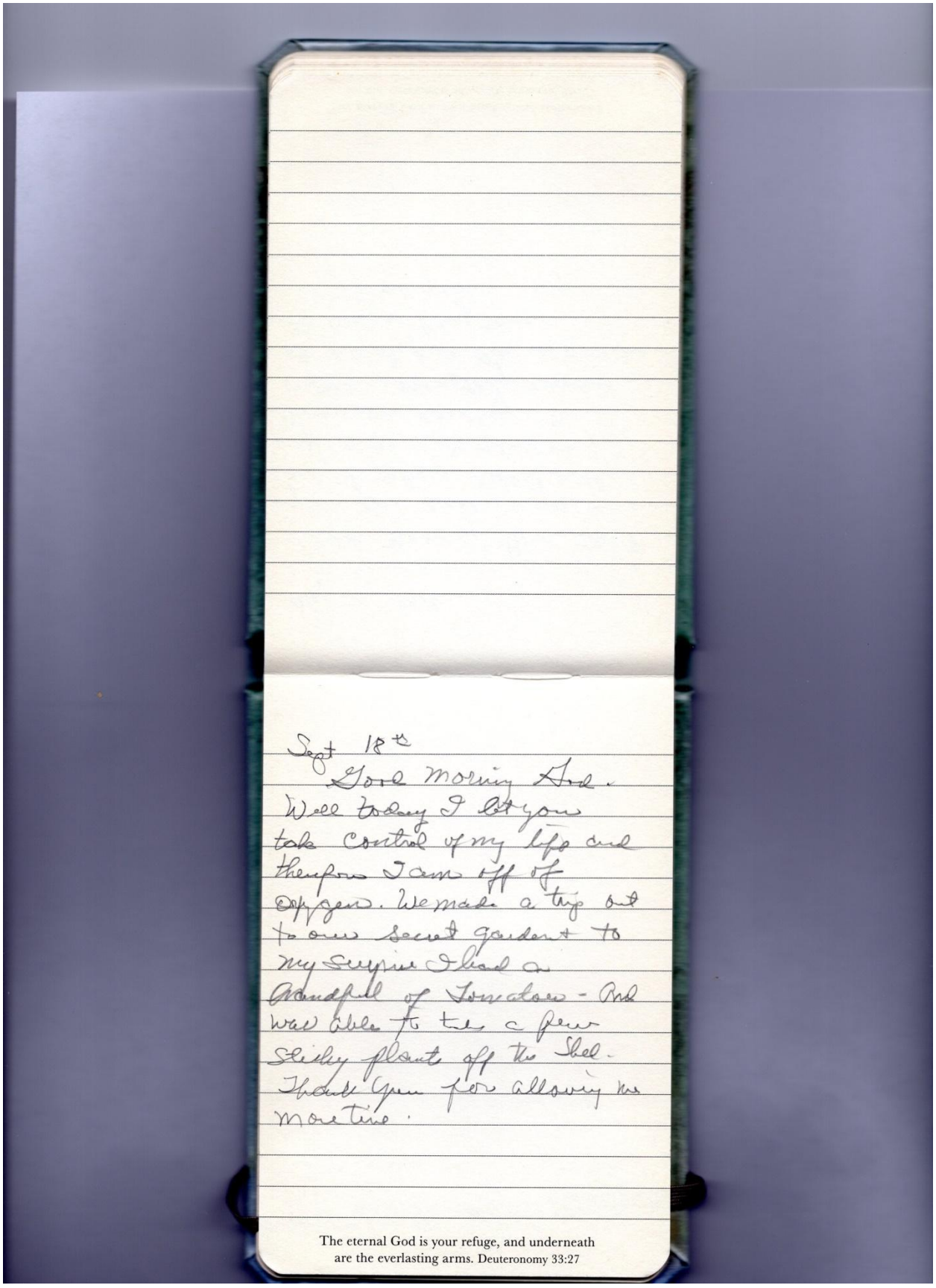
Sept 1, 2018

Aunt Dean called to tell me she had misplaced her cell phone. Looked all over + could not find it. So she finally decided to call herself. Will sure enough it rang from the bedroom. She went in to look for it + it was ringing from under the covers. She had made her bed with the phone in it.

(She will be turning 78 the end of the month)




Sept 18th
Good morning God.
Well today I let you
take control of my life and
therefore I am off of
oxygen. We made a trip out
to our secret garden to
my surprise I had a
handful of tomatoes - And
was able to tie a few
sticky plants off the shed.
Thank You for allowing us
more time.
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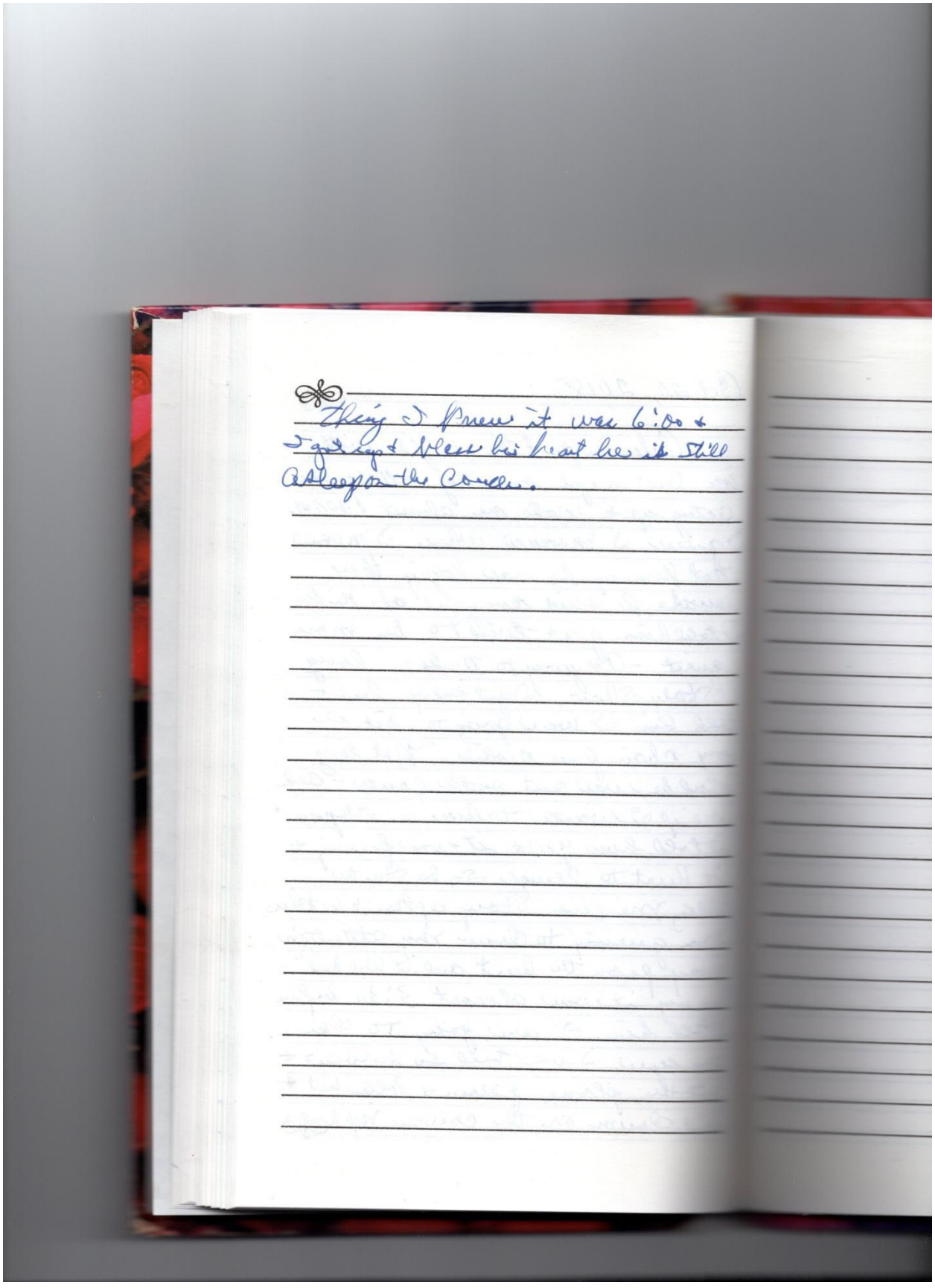
are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

Oct 20, 2018

Colin spent the night with me last night and my allergies were acting up + woke me about 1:00 AM. I guess I groaned when I moved not knowing he was laying there awake, he said are you ok. Nicki I told him yes + tried to be more quiet. - Anyway to make a long story short I got out of bed + told him I was going to sit in my chair for awhile. Not long and he was out on the couch - asked me if I wanted to hear a rhyme + I told him yes + it was funny + it hurt to laugh so he started telling me one story after another "Tom guessing to draw my attention away from the hurt and it worked" - Anyway it was almost 3:30 before I told him I was going to close my eyes I was tired so he went + got the phone, pillow + blanket + laid down on the couch right


Thing I knew it was 6:00 a
I got up & went to work he is still
asleep on the couch.

Hours fly,
Flowers die.
New days,
New ways
Pass by.
Love stays."

HENRY VAN DYKE;
SUN-DIAL MOTTO



~~of my life~~ -

"The love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay
Love isn't Love
Till you give it away!