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In her sequel to In the Blink of an Eye...My Life With RSDS, Mary Jane Gonzales shares her continuing journey with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome/Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome, which led her to A Growing Faith. Though a believer for years, Mary Jane discovers the truth... ""You don't know God is all you need until he is all you have."" (Unknown) Join Mary Jane as she recounts the events of a unique and unexpected life; a life of crusading, though confined, of advocating for awareness and living a life of purpose. Although her disability keeps her from being active, she is sustained by faith and seeks to encourage others. Choosing to rise above her suffering, she is motivated to minister through her writing and card making. Like many others, she hopes to raise awareness of her disease to expand research and hasten a cure. 'This book is an inspiration to all who read it. It lets every person that suffers with RSDS/CRPS know that life is a journey and, with support from family and friends, they can make it.' Dorothy Cormier, caregiver and friend

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Julia says

A Growing Faith by Mary Jane Gonzales continues her journey living with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD).

Now bedbound Mary Jane Gonzales is fully reliant on others and God. "If I couldn't abide in the Lord, I would have total despair and darkness." Her faith is stronger than ever and Mary Jane Gonzales knows "I was better off with God on this road than without Him." Illness meant time to ponder on God. Mary Jane Gonzales has drawn closer to God. She talks about her relationship noting "God is still God and He is faithful."

Mary Jane Gonzales talks intimately about RSD and how it has affected her. However she is not defined by her illness. "RSD is not the sum of me, just a part of me."

The second half of the book is exerts from Mary Jane Gonzales blog from 2011 and into 2012. She writes with honesty and from the heart to help and inform.

Included in the book are some poems that Mary Jane Gonzales has written. They are heartfelt and I leave you with my favourite lines:

"The reason for joy is in the depths of my soul

Despite being broken, He makes me whole."

I received this book for free. A favourable review was not required and all views expressed are my own.

sue says

This is Jane's follow on book from IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, this is more about the faith in God she builds up when all around her fall by the wayside, but her 100% faith in her God see's her through. This book helped her get through her time when most, if not all of it was spent in her bed, some people not understanding about the illness at all.

I found her strength to be invaluable.

Allyson Johnson says

Faith continuing to grow.

And this does bring comfort.

I'm grateful these books remain so positive and truthful. That isn't easy! Especially these days.

Hard work and talent add to who the pain specialists are and an expert on medicines and providing people with the tools needed.

To learn to live with it as best as one can. Some tolerate pain better than others.

And for me, I prefer a "work in progress" approach. A read I pray more people will have not sitting on a shelf.

Re-read, dog-eared books are ones we get the most of. Great book!