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Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

My mother was an excellent cook. She could take just a few ingredients and turn it into a marvelously delicious meal. I, on the other hand, didn't pick up her skills. I can cook and I have a few specialties (fried chicken, pretzel salad and liver and onions to be exact) but I'm no Queenie Fulmore Robertson!

There was one incident that I will never forget. I was in my teens and somehow I'd been given the opportunity to make Spaghetti for dinner for our family (which, at the time, included three cousins who were living with us). I didn't feel intimidated by the task, but took it on with confidence. I made a massive amount of spaghetti for the six of us. We sat around the table and everyone started in on the meal. It only took a few minutes before comments flew. As much as I hated to admit it, that Spaghetti was horrible. We couldn't eat it!

Our dog, Prince, loved Spaghetti. So we tried to give it to him. Even our dog turned his nose up to my mess of a meal! I was hurt beyond description (of course, it felt that bad, I was a teenager!) But my mother being able to cook didn't toss out the large amount of useless food. The next day, she came up with a solution and (as she'd say) she doctored on that disgusting food. At dinner time that next day, she delivered to the table Pizza Spaghetti! We all were leary of the food due to the contents (last night's bad meal). She convinced us to "try" it. And wouldn't you know it, we gobbled that concoction up and it quickly became a favorite in the household. I was teased about my cooking skills for a while. But my mother kept working with me, encouraging me to try again (as a teenager, I vowed I'd never do that again....I would never humiliate myself again.) Many years have passed since that time and I can say I can make a pretty good rendition of Pizza Spaghetti thanks to my mother's ability to change things.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could "doctor" on the difficult situations of our lives? Oh, we do try at times but more often than we'd care to own up to, we end up creating more problems than solutions. We honestly don't know how to fix things. We try. We mean well. We have good intentions, but we don't know what the next five minutes will bring, let alone tomorrow or the next day or even five years from now. But the Lord can fix the broken things in our lives. He knows how to create marvelous memorable moments out of the messes we've been tinkering with.....He is the only one who can take seemingly destructive situations and cause melodies of happiness spring forth and vice versa.

Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? (Proverbs 7:13 KJV)

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find
rest unto your souls.