

When I am weak and about to give up -

I reach into this cookie jar and remember how much I have survived

- Became a seeker of God even though I had to break away from my mom at 14
- Left high school early rather than follow the crowd at 16
- Became Riley's father during the crisis of my marriage failing at 22
- Freed myself from Porrie no matter the consequences at 23
- Survived suicidal depression by clinging to my love for Riley at 30
- Co-invented a patent despite no one supporting me as an inventor at 31
- Survived being kept apart from Riley even though it was the most unjust thing that had ever happened to me at 32
- Rebuilt my relationship with Riley by carefully approaching his heart at 32
- Survived homelessness and jail while my faith in God deepened at 36
- Rebuilt my relationship with Riley again even though this time it was my heart that was broken at 37
- Survived Riley's passing by moving through a deep and abiding grief at 49
- Declared the Lord as God of my heart, mind, soul and strength at 52

One day I will declare the Lord as my God to all who will listen.....