

STRIKE STORIES



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My experience with the strike was an experience of faith. My husband and I both work for the Authority and we're in the same union - TCU. Although our union did not call the strike, we obeyed the request of our union to honor UTU's picket lines.

Foreseeing the strike approaching, we found it difficult to prepare, financially speaking, (especially having a large, blended family with children and having just bought a house) cash, to say the least, was very scarce.

As the deadlines approached, we watched the news as a family, while we still hoped that an agreement could be reached with the UTU and the Authority.

During the strike we stayed fixed on the TV news, the newspapers, and the Internet, searching to find some glimmer of hope for a resolution.

The 32-day strike lasted 32 days longer than I had hoped, but through it all family and friends were there for us. We learned to appreciate the simple things in life, while our children learned a hands-on lesson in sacrificing and having faith.

As we met our union brothers and sisters at the picket lines, food banks, division food distributions and meetings, we learned that we are of many diverse cultures, nationalities and walks of life. But, during hard times we are not really different at all.

I felt close to co-workers who before the strike I hardly knew. Moreover, I learned that the term, "*people in your peer group*," carried a lot of weight.

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