



Future with Hope Women

1. Tell us about a joy you've experienced in your faith life since turning 40:

Besides becoming a grandmother? And watching my children grow older and eventually marry? Every day past 40 has been gravy. For when you are diagnosed with breast cancer at 36 as I was--I wasn't sure that I'd see 40, let alone 50. But here I am... God's joy button in my life is called gratitude. There's an adage that says "When you're ready to die, then you're ready to live." Considering my mortality in the 30s has left its mark on me. The gift of faith has given me new eyes to see the gift of each day, each face, each breath.

2. Tell us about a challenge you've experienced in your faith life since turning 40:

The movement away from being the mother of a growing family - to shift into mentoring mode with children who are now adults. It's a loss and it's a gain at the same time. It's beautifully bittersweet.

The other thing is the shift from my freelancing life of 12 years to working for a big company. It's challenging and yet, a gift, for the financial stability that I have never known in my "ministry" life.

3. What is your current go-to Scripture and why?

Psalm 63. It has been with me for years. But I've had some very big intentions to bring to the Lord in recent years.... So, especially these verses:

*So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory.
Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee.*

4. What do Catholic women over 40 need to know about God?

That they are His Beloved.



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5. How can we pray for you?

Thank God with me, for the gifts of this summer... a new grandchild, Aidan, and a healthy delivery for Katie, and her hubby, Benjy.

A wedding for my son Bobby and his bride, Stephanie. Aug 12

A new job for both my son Peter, and his future bride, Sarah, who will wed in 2018.