

07-24-19 Wednesday Musing

On these past dogdays of summer, if you're like me, you have kept yourself inside... in the cool of your air conditioner of your home... or of a summer vacation spot... or of a store or restaurant. My outdoor activities have been planned for the early morning hours... and my afternoons spent in the cool of the nearest air conditioner... But as I stay inside more... I find myself busy with cleaning out this drawer... or that closet. Many times, running across things that bring up a plethora of memories of days gone by... of my childhood days... of my child-rearing days... and of more recent times... Past experiences... everybody has them... and everybody's are different... And it is God's desire that yours... like mine are woven together with the golden thread of God's love...

Now don't let this give you're the impression that I've always walked the straight and narrow path that God has desired for my life... because I haven't... and I seriously doubt if you have... or anyone for that matter... we all have those 'less desirable' moments... or times... in our lives when we stray to the wide path... But if we look back carefully... truthfully... we will see God's golden thread woven through that time as well... it pulls us back into the fabric that is the life He desires for us...

And whether our life went off course of our own volition or if it was an uncontrollable act... God takes our circumstances and weaves a wonderfully colorful tapestry that can be our 'solid rock'... the footing of someone else... or an artful inspiration to another... God takes our rags... and turns them into riches for His glory.

God ... in His infinite wisdom... established rules for us to live by for our own well-being... knowing full-well that we would break them... Then... He... in His omniscience came to live among us in the form of Jesus... His beloved Son... And upon Jesus' death and resurrection we were reconciled to God... through His golden thread of love... Jesus knew exactly what the tapestry of your life would look like before the thread was even spun... He was there then... He was there while you were weaving in and out between good and bad... and He is here now... cheering you on and helping you tie in those threads that try to go astray here and there...

In Colossians 1: 15-17 confirms His Omnipresence **"15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. "**

Sometimes we try to do a little weaving on our own... because we come from a world which strives for independence... a world in which we are taught selfish motivation and self-centeredness will take you to the heights of your heart's desire... only to find out... when you reach that lofty goal... if you even do... that it's not really satisfying your heart's yearnings... it's often dark and ugly up there on that mountain top. You're looking at the tapestry that is your life from the knotted ugly side... but in time... through God's love and forgiveness upon true repentance... you'll flip it for a glimpse of the beauty that God is weaving of your life... and you'll see the golden thread of Jesus weaving in and out of each row.

The 'Tapestry Poem' ... often attributed to Corrie ten Boom... but actually seems to be unknown in origin... says it best:

"My life is but a weaving
 Between my God and me.
 I cannot choose the colors
 He weaveth steadily.
 Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
 And I in foolish pride
 Forget He sees the upper
 And I the underside.
 Not 'til the loom is silent
 And the shuttles cease to fly

Will God unroll the canvas
 And reveal the reason why.
 The dark threads are as needful
 In the weaver's skillful hand
 As the threads of gold and silver
 In the pattern He has planned
 He knows, He loves, He cares;
 Nothing this truth can dim.
 He gives the very best to those
 Who leave the choice to Him."

Paul doesn't say we will be reconciled.... It says we 'Are' reconciled... God's presence is here... now... in the midst of all of our knotted ends and broken threads... Colossians 1: 19-22 -

"19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— "

As we tie our threads this week... and lift them in prayer to our Lord, let us also lift up: Family of Elizabeth Woodlief—Mother of Peggy Johnson, Bobbye Mebane, Nancy Thomas, Anna Gerow, Norma Simons, Family of Jeanne Williams, Family of Mary Jane Pettigrew, Frances Morgan, Harvey Sharpe. And friends: Jud Bricker—friend of Elsie Bolick, Crystal Barker—friend of Connie Collins, Tom McPherson - relative of Nancey Simmons, Children and Adults at our Southern Border, Pete Pate & Jane Pate—Family of Jamie Fonville. Please remember the families as well as the person listed.

This week's sermon title is "PEACE IS A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD". The Scripture will be read from John 14:23-27 and Colossians 3:12-17 .

Keep Weaving 😊

Joan 😊

The Tapestry
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 and I the underside.

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Love the Lord
 Luke 10.27

Always be Honest • Keep Your Promises
 Proverbs 12.22 Romans 4.21

Count Your Blessings
 Psalms 34.1-3

Comfort One Another
 1 Thessalonians 4.18

Forgive • Pray Continually
 Micah 7.18 1 Thessalonians 5.17

Support Each Other
 Acts 20.35

Be Thankful • Be Kind
 1 Thessalonians 5.18 Ephesians 4.32

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
 1 Peter 1.22

As you do not know the
 path of the wind...
 So you cannot understand
 the work of God, the
 Maker of all things.
 Ecclesiastes 11.5