

THROUGH THIS MESS

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God is so faithful how He puts our weekly devotions together even when we don't communicate with one another – He has an agenda! Gina's word yesterday flows right into this weekend word for all of us, thank You Jesus – that even when we don't get it right, You ALWAYS do.

I must say, in and of myself – I'm a total mess. I am but dust on a scale. **(Isaiah 40)** I'm doomed to fail over and over again. If I didn't know what the power of Jesus could do for me from hands on – tangible – experiences and His awesome power in my life at really critical moments, I would be a wasted piece of life form without hope.

Sometimes, I'm my own worst critic, I will sit here and analyze in my mind over and over how I could have done this better, or that better, how I could have responded in a different way or made a better choice than the one I just made. As I sit and ponder about the mistakes and messes that I've made I can only come to one conclusion, it isn't helping me to marinate in it.

Then I realize, I'm probably marinating in my wrong doings or short comings because I'm too lazy or fearful to brush myself off and repent and come before the Lord, broken, and messed up and tell Him with a wreckless emotion that I've messed up, yet again... even though He knows!!!! I still know in my heart – that He desires to hear my voice, He desires to hear me speak to Him and tell Him how much I need Him, how much I love Him, and how much I long to trust Him more.

John 15:5 – I Am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Friends, I'm in the boat of hope today. I choose to get in and ask the Lord to lead me yet again to a place where I can be His servant and I'm going to sit here until HE takes the oars, not me. I have proved over and over, that in my own strength, things don't amount to squat, but if I wait on the Lord.... If I just wait on Him

Isaiah 40:28 – Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint

We were created to depend on someone greater than ourselves. We were created to give Him praise. This Someone knows us better than our spouse, better than our children, better than our mother and father, better than our friends, and better than ourselves. The bible says that if we draw near to Him, HE WILL draw near to us – this is a promise and God keeps every promise. If I don't believe this, than I mines well be a drifting piece of hopeless-ness without a cause or purpose and that's NOT what the bible says.

I'm again choosing to work through the harsh realities that life swings my way, to press through the temptations that come to my flesh, to work through the struggles of my marriage and the new places my children are in and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to carry me when it becomes too much so that I don't burn out, dry up, lose hope, faith, and love and above all – that I continue to put Jesus at the center of it all because over and over, He has proven to me that He can help me with this mess I am and create something special that will in time, yield far better fruit, character, integrity, personality, and thoughts than I could ever try to produce on my own. He is the ORGANIC producer that in our mess can bring forth something that isn't filled with fake, man-made fluff. He can produce a humble servant and a devoted worshipper, mother, father, friend, spouse, leader, teacher, counselor, worker, and so on than we could ever hope to. He sees our mess, He sees through our mess to what we will become and HE loves us even now and will love us through to the end. How awesome to have someone Who won't judge us but will lovingly lead us to the next place we need to be.

Through our mess today, we say “Lord lead on – where You go, we will follow – we trust You to make our mess into something beautiful.” IN Jesus name. Amen.

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