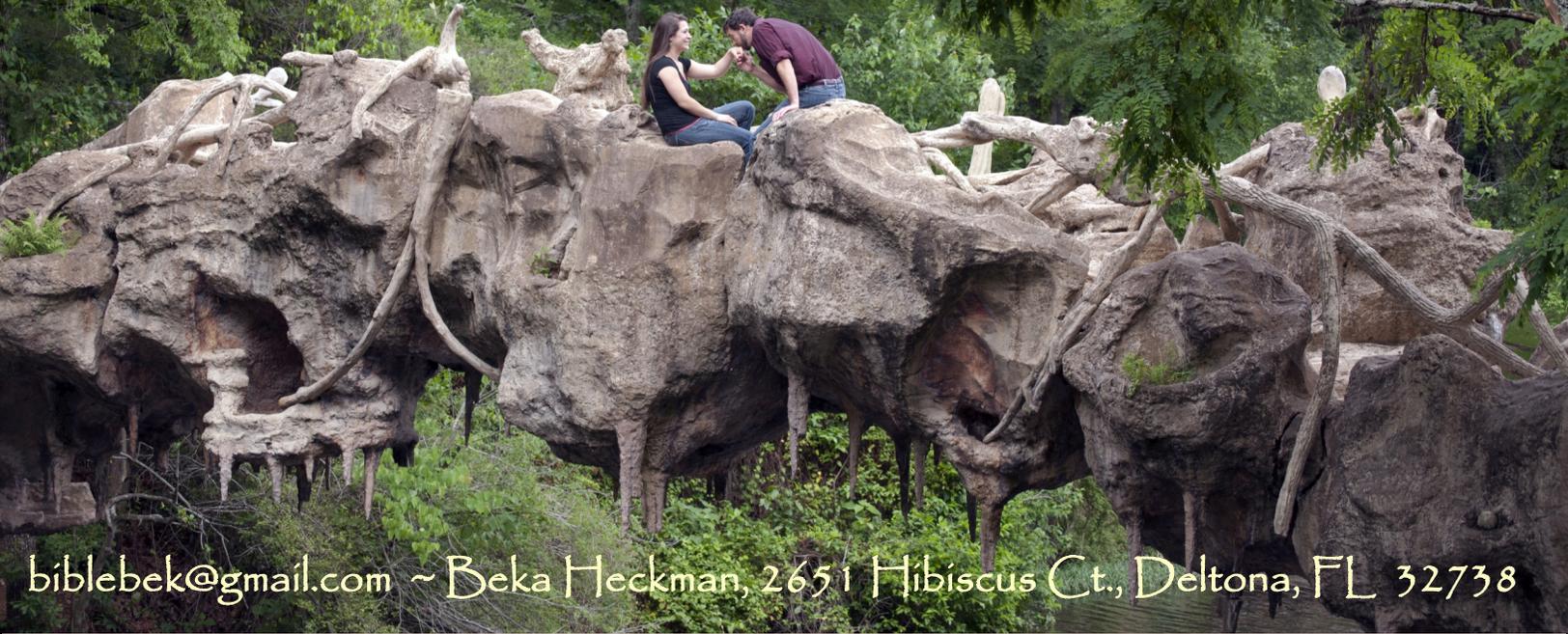


Beka's Trek

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From my Journal...

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...Just as there are some Psalms where David just longs to be closer to You and to understand You better, today, even the requests that are most pressing and most important to me do not weigh on me as heavily as the desire to sense that closeness to You...to understand you and unhesitatingly follow your leading; to have You shape my walk with You, my prayer life, my concept of who You are and what You truly long for. Examine my heart, Lord...for too long I have been begging for certain *situations* and grasping for them in my heart and mind...perhaps it would benefit me more to spend the time begging for contentment *where I am*, breathing in the richness of your grace for *this moment*.

One day later...

I was digging a hole in the forest wondering what in the world my grinning boyfriend was up to. Cody had told me he had a date planned for the evening, then asked me to change out of my nice clothes into something I didn't care about getting dirt on.

1 treasure map, 4 hidden riddles, a hike through the forest, and 10 large paces from the last tree found me unearthing the treasure chest that held my engagement ring.

The final clue led us out on a rowboat in search of a tiny sailboat towing the key. With sunset settling into the sky and the lake around us,

Cody Burns asked me to be his wife.



Now the Wedding Day is just around the corner...



and I still laugh to myself that I begged God for the right attitude of contentment where I was, and instead, He dropped what I was longing for right in my lap. Now I'm here, breathless with excitement, but painfully aware of my inability for the task before me. What a sweet reminder it has been that I am not to shrink from the challenge of marriage as it looms on the horizon, but **to look to the One who designed it for the strength to see it through.** My good friend Eva Jeane Dockum encouraged me,

“Don't be more afraid of your failure than you are confident of HIS success. **You may not feel adequate for marriage, but the life of Christ in You is totally adequate.**”

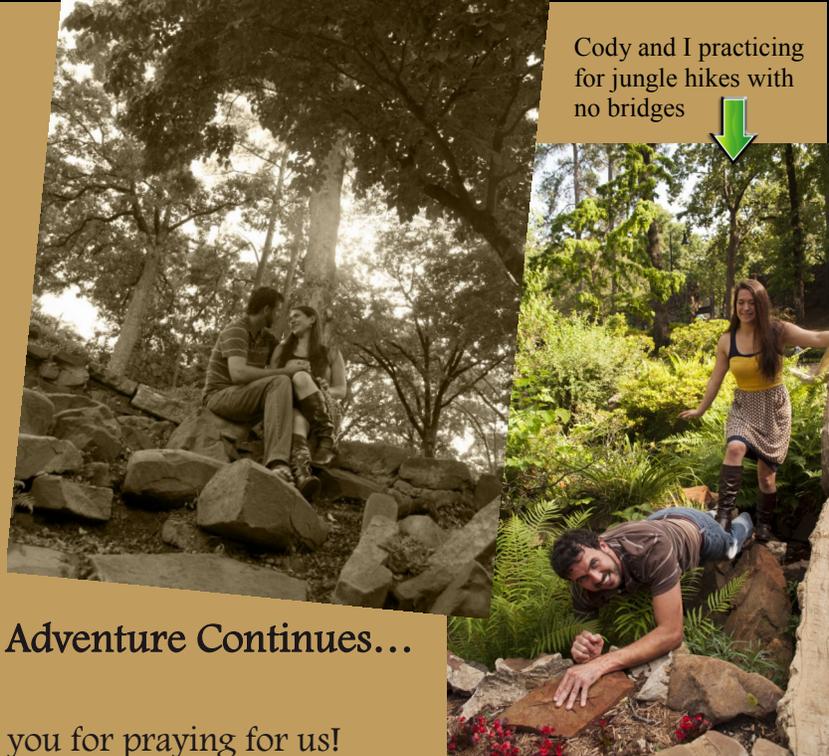
“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.”
2 Corinthians 3 :5

The Adventure Continues...

Thank you for praying for us! Cody finished school and is working as an Aircraft Mechanic for an FAA repair station at the Sanford Airport. I now have a year under my belt as a lead paramedic; I'm learning new things every day and (finally) gaining some confidence working on the ambulance. **We plan to take 1 year to invest in/settle into our marriage relationship** while working with our church. Then, we plan to head on to Missions Training and work towards a tribal ministry overseas.

Thanks for keeping up with us! We would love to hear from you!

Cody and I practicing for jungle hikes with no bridges



Yours in Christ,



“...Here am I, Send Me.” ~Isaiah 6:8