

Journal Thursday

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I feel like the Lord wants me to share from my heart... not 'GIVE A MESSAGE' but – to talk to you all – like I would talk to Him or like I would talk to one of you if you called me. I may start a series of these journal entries if you will....we will see where this goes.

There are so many things on my heart and going through my mind this past week and the Lord is all over every place I come to – every ending thought – and most of my conversations circle back around to the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm very glad about this... but getting to this place Is a journey – of scattered thoughts and emotions...

When we first moved down here – to be honest – I didn't even want to worship. I was in a place where if I look back (not too far back either) – I can see where the Lord was there – and He was just lovingly, patiently, waiting to see how I would respond and I would fit Him into my new season in a different place in so many ways....

In the past couple of weeks, I've been stirred in my spirit to worship Him again – yes – I have worshipped Him all along at various points.. but the deep worship that I'm so used to getting to without a second thought has been harder to go to for me – I know part of it was because my flesh – my brokenness, my thoughts, my hurt – have made me want to keep the Lord at a distance because I knew He would heal me – I knew He would love me and I knew He would calm me – and to be VERY real – I just wanted to throw a tantrum – and cry a little – yell a little (maybe a lot) I wanted to get lost in something other than the Lord – I KNEW I was in a dangerous place.. because I had no accountability like I used to have – and I could fake it if I had to with most people (but not God!).

So I'm putting this out there – because sharing my journey will allow for iron to sharpen iron – because two are better than one..... I have literally picked up my flute TWICE in the past 9 months!! I have sang... played the piano... but haven't picked up my flute... (why?) because I KNOW that's my spiritual weapon and I haven't wanted to fight – I've been tired – so tired of so many things. I have written several songs since our move – LOL – but I remember a friend of mine when I said – "I've written 3 songs since being here." – she said "that's all?" LOL

Praise the Lord for friends, for my husband, for my girls! I also pray weekly with a some friends – and I would encourage each of you reading this to develop a weekly prayer with friends you can trust and who you know will keep you lifted. Thoughts.... The Lord knows every one of them....

I want to challenge each of you to go find a minute of quiet & remember a place or a time with the Lord where He's brought you through and hold onto it. I've been listening a lot to www.ihopkc.org – it's continual worship. It's shifted the atmosphere in our house and I knew it

would and I knew I needed it. I've never been far from the Lord in heart or thought – but being just far enough – is enough to allow the enemy room to slide in – and

“Ain't nobody got time for that!!”

Woo us Lord - Help us remember when we first encountered Your deep love and stir up our hearts and minds once again – to want to dwell with You – to tabernacle with You – to allow You to make known the mysteries of heaven for our lives here on earth! I commission the angels of heaven to protect and keep each reader and to help each reader to rise up and be the light that shines in the darkness! I ask for each of us to know You and seek You and find You and Lord – thank You for Your amazing grace and Your unfailing love – You – are the One we want to meet – Jesus shine through – all the praises that we sing! It's all for You – here we are – here we are!!

Philippians 3:14 - I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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