

SETTING PRIORITIES

-- Thoughts from a notebook

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In the Word of God we are given so many precious promises and through the years I have read these and reread them, knowing that they were for me. I have always been blessed by reading that His grace is sufficient for me and that He would never leave me or forsake me. Also that He would not place on me more that I could bear. What great promises!

Over the last few months I have read and reread these again. However, at times lately, I admit, I have questioned God, saying, "Did you forget me down here?"

I continue to go back to the Word of God, knowing that He hasn't forgotten me. And that He has not stopped loving me. I don't understand all of this, but He has continued to remind me of 3 things. He wants me to continue to serve him and love him. He wants me to be a wife to my husband and to love him, a mom to my 2 children, and to love them.

With courtesy to Steven Curtis Chapman, the words of his song continues to reach out to me....."His strength is perfect, when our strength is gone. He'll carry us when we can't carry on. Raised in His power, the weak become strong. His strength is perfect."

During those times when my mind gets confused with which emotional road to take, I continue to remind myself that God is going to use all this for His good and He is there for me. My discouragement comes when I fail to trust in Him and to come constantly in contact with His Word. I have to keep scriptures running through my mind. Reaching out to my inner self and defeating Satan. I have the power, with the Lord's leading to defeat him.

The Word of God is "sharper than any two edged sword." I daily take on the "whole armor of God" that I can withstand Satan's actions against me. Eph. 6 gives me precious promises to His power. I continue to set my priorities on what He wants from me, of me. I continually refocus on His Word and His love for me. Sometimes things become out of focus and blurry and I again have to reset my priorities. Resurfacing my road. Rebuilding my bridge. Remodeling my thought patterns. He is my strength and my refuge. He has prepared the way ahead for me. Help me Lord to keep my eyes vertical and not horizontal. Thank you Lord for this day.

