



Monday Coffee Cup... *A bit of encouragement to bring a jolt of life to your day!*

Road Trip...

I am so pumped! I am going to see my Mom & Dad—And Ellen's going with me! For those of you who know me, you know that my parents used to visit us quite often. They only lived about 5 hours away... Well, a year and a half ago, they answered a call to Northern Minnesota—and I DO mean northern!! Of course, I need to say it correctly: Minnesoooooda... Yes, my husband gets the biggest kick out of that—of the whole accent thing—and he tells me I better not come back talking like I just stepped out of the movie, "Fargo." I make no promises, Sean!

You see, I was given a wonderful gift for Christmas: a trip to see my parents. My in-laws knew I hadn't seen them in a long time, and gave me a sweet surprise—miles to purchase 2 tickets to Grand Forks, ND. So the thought was very nice... but it didn't really HIT me till the reservations were actually made last week! Now, with itinerary in hand, I feel like a giddy little girl! On top of seeing Mom & Dad, my grandmother has never met Ellen, so I look forward to that meeting. Then, to put the icing on the cake, I will be there for my Mom's birthday... Can April please just hurry up and get here?!

So—Something to look forward to... yes, a vacation. But more than that, some time to catch up with family. I've watched my Mom & Dad take a big step of faith in moving to lead a church in rural, COLD Minnesota. And now I hear the joy in their voices as they talk about what God is doing, how He is using them, the new "family" He has provided for them there. I'm so glad that God brings refreshing and special moments in our lives! Can't wait to spend a few days hearing about all He's done for, and in, and with my parents!

I read something in My Utmost for His Highest today—which struck a chord in me...

*"As servants of God, we must learn to make room for Him—to give God 'elbow room.' We plan and figure and predict that this or that will happen, but we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses... Do not look for God to come in a particular way, but **do look for Him.**"*

How might God surprise you today? What might He do that you didn't see coming? What blessings might you see if you are looking for God? Maybe He will send you on a journey—a journey of discovering Him... a journey of refreshment... a journey of healing...

*What will it be? Are you LOOKING for HIM? You never know what adventures await!!
Happy Trails...*

-Carlee

