



Monday Coffee Cup...

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A bit of encouragement to bring a jolt of life to your day!

BREAK THROUGH!!

I think I had a break-through moment yesterday, and today I am asking the Lord today to keep me on the straight and narrow, so to speak... This will probably sound minor and "no brainer" to some—or many—of you, but for me it was a GOD moment, I think. The thing that gets me about God is that He meets us in the everyday stuff! That's where He wants to meet us, and yet, sometimes we don't seem to see or hear Him very clearly there. (Hey, guys, if this seems a bit "girlie," sorry—hope you'll get something out of it anyway!)

So confession time... I am not the most organized person. (I know. I know. Some of you need to catch your breath from laughing hysterically, and others need to pick your jaw up off the floor!) ☺ Very funny, right?! Anyway, I had a meltdown moment at home on Saturday, looking at my half-put-away Christmas decorations and the "almost" completed tasks that were shouting back at me. After all, it IS the first of February! Then I started thinking about the fact that I am the mommy of a toddler, so such will be life at this stage of the game... The weight of that realization alone was more than my mind could process at the time. So in that moment, all my feelings of inadequacy, the "should haves," the "wish I could's," and the "I'm just so tired's" came crashing in on me. There I was standing at the foot of a very high mountain, and I didn't know the first thing about beginning the climb...

But you know what? That's exactly where God wanted me to be, I believe. I had nowhere else to turn within my own abilities or sense of motivation. So— "Now what, Lord? HOW can I be a better wife, mother, housekeeper, minister...? It all runs together and I'm out of answers!"

Well, Sunday I ended up talking to a friend who assured me that it WILL get better. I just kind of needed that reminder—and to be able to tell someone how I was feeling. (Thanks, Robin!) And then, that afternoon, in a quiet moment, God reminded me of a simple principle: My priorities are the following, and in this order...

- ◆ My Relationship with God
- ◆ My Family—and all that goes with that
- ◆ Ministry (say no more!)



That's it. Plain & Simple. So I found myself thinking, "I need to work at being ALL THERE when I'm home, and ALL THERE when at church, and so on." That means focusing on the task at hand (not all that I can't get to in that moment!). And how does one who tends to be pretty scattered do that?

Well, by last night I felt God bringing some order to my mind—in practical ways. I re-visited a website I'd never really utilized, desperate for some tools and help to just get started! And you know what? After jumping in to some ideas and suggestions, today has been a new day! I know Rome wasn't built in a day, but I also know that Baby Steps are better than no steps at all. And a little progress is good for the spirit. Lord, thanks for meeting us in the mundane and in the practical and overwhelming, seemingly "non-spiritual" places of our lives! Truthfully, I think it is those everyday places that hold the most spiritually profound moments—if we will simply ask for eyes to see them...

Taking Baby Steps...

~Carlee

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