

March 1st, 2010

Monday Coffee Cup...

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



March 1st?!?! Seriously, is it already March?! Where does the time go? I mean, weren't we just talking about New Year's resolutions? Well, it is hard to believe—but, at the same time, I am beyond ready for spring! Some mornings recently I have noticed the birds singing, once again, so I know spring must be at least considering a return... For me, that's always one of the first hints. Even with fresh snow on the ground, to hear those happy chirping creatures gives me hope for warmer days to come. Mmmm... makes me smile just thinking about it.

Why is it that I find myself looking for brighter days? I guess I love that sense of "newness" and the inspiration that comes from sitting outside, with the warm breeze hitting my face, the birds singing above me, and the new growth of budding trees and spring flowers around me... Just a personal preference, I know—but I'm ready, nonetheless.

So how ARE those New Year's resolutions coming? Do you remember what you resolved to do? Are you in need of a gentle nudge—a reminder to pick that thing back up and to continue moving forward toward the goal? If so, then consider this your loving push... Go dust off that commitment you made at the turn of 2010, and get back at it! Two months have come and gone... How are you embracing each day? How have you done so far? For me, there have been some victories along the way, as well as some things I, too, should probably go back and re-visit. More progress to be made, to be sure...

My husband and I were talking last night about life—and how we should live it out. Most importantly, we were talking about that exhortation from the writer of Hebrews, who said:

"...Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." (Hebrew 12:1)

What a great reminder, huh?! You see, when we (any of you choosing to read these little ramblings) "started the race" in January of 2010, it was a new year—a clean slate—a fresh start... Now, into month #3, there are probably some marks on that once-clean slate (some maybe not so pretty), and there are likely some things we would like to start over "again". But the question becomes "What are you going to do about those things NOW?" We must constantly return to the grace of our heavenly Father, and THROW OFF the stuff that weights us down. So now is when that "perseverance factor" comes into play... Are you tired? Have you long-since given up on your God-given goals and dreams? Were those ideals "so two months ago"??

Well, I'm here to say "Let's stay the course!" As I suggested earlier, let's dust off those resolutions and, instead, respond to the challenges with, "Because of God's grace, I CAN..." and "With God, ALL things are possible..." If done together, I think the journey becomes a bit less daunting. So what do you say? Join me? It's time to PERSEVERE!! We have a race to run!

Throwing off the hindrances...

~Carlee

