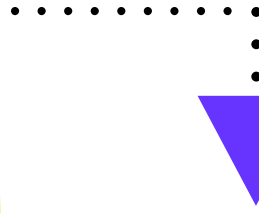


Monday Coffee Cup...

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



Well, it's been awhile... Have you missed me?! I'm certain that life has kept each of you busy, and that the earth did not cease spinning on its axis the last few weeks. Hopefully you found a cup of coffee—or tea, as some have let me know—to suffice in the absence of my weekly ramblings. But let me say, I am back. And I intend to stay engaged with you for a while... ☺

It's been a busy few weeks, to say the least: I've flown with my nearly-three-year-old who doesn't know a stranger, spent time with my parents whom I had not seen since last June, experienced my 92-years-young grandmother passing out at the dinner table—only to find out later that her heart had likely stopped for a few seconds. I've gone from wearing fleece one day, to enjoying sandals and a sleeveless top the next, soaking in the 80+ degree temps here in Southern Indiana, and honestly (sorry, Mom & Dad!) preferring it to the chilly 40's and 50's of a Minnesota spring. Oh, yes, and then there was Easter in there as well—with the “extras” of Easter Sunday preparations, rehearsals, etc. But what a great day of celebration it was—remembering our Risen Savior!

So now what is on the horizon? It's time to re-group, I suppose—at least that's what it feels like at the moment. Realistically, I think I'm still trying to get my bearings coming out of this latest “season”! But a couple of things I do know... God is faithful, and He walks with us through both the glorious times and the less-glamorous difficult times. When life throws a curve-ball, or when people let us down, He is still GOD and absolutely still on His throne! The growth in life comes as we endeavor to walk in the light of that reality of God's all-knowing, all-powerful nature — and that is not necessarily easy to do. So we need reminders once in a while. The following is just one of those reminders which rings in my ears from yesterday's worship service:

In the words of the Lincoln Brewster/Mia Fieldes song “God You Reign”...

God, You part the seas.
You move the mountains with the words that You say.
My song remains, “God, You reign.”

Lord, You hold my life.
You know my heart and you call me by name.
I live to say, “God, You reign.”

The same great big God Who created the universe holds my momentary life in His hands... AND He moves in my life—through every scenario and every circumstance, in the midst of every emotion and every challenge. Lord, help me to LIVE like I BELIEVE it!! God, You reign!!

Have a blessed week! You will hear from me again soon... I promise! ☺

~Carlee