

Sherry's Garden Stories

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"Be Encouraged"

"Thy wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3

As I look around the world there seems to be such turmoil. I am reminded of the scriptures that talk about war and rumors of war. Chaos is all around. Our hearts even seem to be at war.

The Lord spoke to me to look at the spelling of chaos. As I pondered on this word He enlightened me to this:

C – Christ

H – Has

A – Arrived

O – On

S – Scene

No matter what this world is experiencing or what we may be going through ourselves Christ is always in the middle of it. God knows the outcome of chaos. Sometimes He allows chaos to come to bring us truth. His answers may not be what we want to hear, but His way is always the best. Remember that He is always bringing our heart to His heart.

We suffer because of who He is and what He stands for – His standard is high. He is always more interested in the process than the actual answer. The process is more important, because it causes us to reach out. The process can be slow thus allowing Him to refine our hearts and making us new.

We must not lose our trust in Him. His timing is perfect. His hand is always extended to us. God wants our hearts to trust His ways because His ways always bring deliverance, restoration and reconciliation.

Psalm 46: 10 – *"Be still and know that I am God."*

Be still in the process. Listen to His guidance and go at the pace He directs. Remember His promises and know they are meant for you. Jesus died for you and He is the key to trust. Christ knows the outcome. We just have to take hold of His extending hand.

As we experience the process we are letting the Son of God flower and bloom in our hearts.

Thus we bloom in the midst of chaos.

Sunflower – Helianthus

These flowers are tough and sturdy. They bloom in late summer and fall. They adapt to most garden conditions. Their gold color or bright yellow color add a richness to any wreath or arrangement.

Some varieties include “Pro Cut Bicolor and Pro Cut Orange.” These have dark centers and stand four feet tall. “Lemon Queen” has a very wide dark center and “Van Gogh” has a wide yellow center. Both have bright yellow petals.

These flowers always bring a fresh sunshine aspect wherever they grow.