

A Word From the Publisher

Not really sure how we got to February already but...here we are! Just a reminder that life is short and time passes so very quickly. Each year as we began a new year of the 'Journal' I joke with Jessie as I'm looking through the files that the fair will be here before we know it. She gives me that 'look' but she too realizes time really does fly.

We were challenged with an internet 'issue' this week. It started first thing Monday morning with no internet. No internet for us means no emails at all. Quickly, a Monday turned into a real Monday. I'm so thankful that this is truly the first time in forever that we have had to deal with a problem like this. Turns out it was completely a mistake on their end, not something we did. We thought about holding the tech hostage when he came Tuesday morning but he was so nice to help get this issue corrected as soon as possible. I'm pretty sure he could see the frustration in our faces. He worked tirelessly to get the problem resolved to get us up and running. I was quickly reminded that he was helping us to fix the problem. He was doing his best to resolve the problem and so apologetic the entire time. After all, it wasn't his fault. This 'issue' was done in the main office not anything he or I did.

How many times do I tend to attack at the sign of trouble? More times than none I'm afraid. Things happen and most of the time it's not a good time. Not sure there is a good time for trouble. That's a thought for another

day. I've tried to remember the old saying, "What Would Jesus Do?" That saying came out when my children were in school and I love it. It still comes to mind at times. Sad to say I don't think of it as often as I should. It can certainly fit in my every day life and yours. It's really very easy to think about What Would Jesus Do in any and everything we do. I know in my life, many times I wish I would have thought that simple thought before acting.

As we continue to live and work in this crazy world, thinking of Jesus and praying is the best way to handle each day. I long ago realized that no matter how hard I try to fix and control things...God is completely in control of everything. I don't know why it has taken me so long to get it. Recently, I've finally learned to take one day at a time. I'm trying each day to start my day with Jesus and soaking in all of His grace and mercy. It truly makes my day wonderful even through trying times. I know that it's only through the power of Jesus that I make it through each day. Let's not forget to count our many blessings for each day, for there are many. God allowed me to wake up this morning! What a blessing it is to have Jesus as my Lord and Savior. He makes life worth living!

Have a blessed week!

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