

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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Oh it did me so good to see lights at the football field in Hilliard Friday night! Yes...I'm one of those crazy football fans but better yet, I'm so happy that these students get the opportunity to enjoy their high school years. They will be gone so fast. It's truly the 'little' things in life that matter. I'll never forget my high school years. Yes there were ups and downs but the great times far outweighed the bad. I was a flag girl with the Warrior band. It was my 10th grade year and I'd never done anything like that. But oh the satisfaction of fitting in with a great group! While in the stands we helped pump the crowd and cheered with the cheerleaders. While on the field, I was filled with the pride of being a part of representing my school. Such awesome memories! Take advantage of these times and enjoy them to the fullest!

Of course for years my dad was a coach and a teacher (some years my teacher...ugh)! My sister and I were almost the only girls around that knew so much about football. It was and is great. Speaking of my dad, my parents celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this week (September 8). Gee...69 years of marriage. That's quite a feat. I'm so thankful for my parents and the many life lessons they have taught me. They instilled in all of us (their children) early to believe in God and put our faith in Him. Through their guidance as parents I was taught respect, love and character. They taught me to believe in myself and put my faith and trust in God always, not just when things got tough. Through the years, my parents love has grown. They are as close now as

69 years ago when they got married. They are prayer warriors for their children and grandchildren and continue to keep God first and foremost in their lives. I'm thankful to have such loving and giving parents to call mine!

It seems like I've seen many people using the term 'Not on My Watch' lately. I get what they're trying to say however have you ever thought that we are under God's watch all day every day. There could be no one stronger or smarter to have on my watch. We have all been stressed and torn through these long trying days lately. Yes, it has taken a toll on everyone. The sad thing is we as Christians are supposed to give all our troubles to the Lord. He promised to never leave us or forsake us. So why do we stress over all this mess? Ultimately, God is in control. Remember, He gave us common sense to make correct decisions. When all else fails, do as I do. Take a moment to walk outside and look up. God is in control. What a beautiful creation he provides every day! Even when it's rainy! He knows just what we need and when we need it. Accepting Christ as your Savior is the most important decision you can make. And it's so easy. Just accept Him. Remember, the problems in the world are a sin problem. We're either saved or we're not. I'm thankful to say I'm saved and Heaven bound. Won't you make that decision today? Praise God!

Have a blessed week!

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