

A Word From the Publisher

Another rainy day! Boy is it ever easy to fuss and complain about it. Let's put things in perspective...we are so blessed. We are not dealing with 4 foot of snow on the ground or the devastation of a tornado that ripped through our town and took the lives of many precious people. God has sent the rain and for that we should be thankful.

I think that goes with many things in life itself. It is so easy to get frustrated and focus all of our time and energy in all the bad in ourselves, our children, our jobs, our lives, our world, etc.

I felt a little down Tuesday morning when I looked out our kitchen window and saw the rain falling in the pond! Geez, I thought...a yucky rainy morning. Then I saw some little finches eating at the birdfeeder. They were okay with the rain and their lives continued on. How awesome is our God! He created the birds to survive. They can't just sit in their nest all day and whine because it's raining. They still have to eat and feed their young. The day continues on. My attitude quickly changed as I realized how blessed I am to be healthy and happy. Thank you, Jesus! Bring on this day and I pray that I can bring a little Jesus to someone today. I woke up in a warm house; I had coffee to drink and a job to complete! God is good!

I am far from perfect and do focus on my needs more than I should. This is when my focus needs to turn to Jesus.

By focusing my life on Him it takes the 'me' out of it! God will take care of me. It's my job to follow His lead for my life and what I can do for others. Oh my... it's hard to do that but I guess it takes rainy mornings to get my focus back. I pray that we all may take a moment to remember that without Jesus, we are nothing. When we start feeling the 'poor me' times, just take a moment to look around. It won't take but a minute to see how blessed we truly are!

One quick praise item! My mom (86) had a knee replacement surgery, her second one, last Tuesday. She did amazing. The doctor commented, "She did all the work. There was no cartilage at all. She has been enduring pain for some time." Not surprising to us!

Mom obviously has quite a high pain tolerance! She came home from the hospital Wednesday. God is so good! She will start her therapy this week but has been walking around (with a walker) very well. She remembered many of the exercises that she did on her first replacement and has even begun some of those prior to her therapy. Yes, what an amazing mama I have! She is quite the woman! Her faith is strong and of course she has my daddy encouraging her along the way. They are quite a pair! I covet your continued prayers for her complete recovery!

Have a blessed week!

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