

DAY 4

JOY 2020
JOURNEY
TOGETHER FORWARD

Devotionals

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”
Proverbs 3:5*

So, I was asked to do this devotional and my mind went to so many things that I could talk about. But I feel like the one thing that really has been on my heart has to do with being in a season of waiting.

Most people who know me, know that my husband and I are foster parents. Currently we are in a season of waiting for the likely adoption of two little girls that have been entrusted to us. People probably think I have it all together when it comes to this, but I don't. There are many days I have near meltdowns regarding our current situation...which is when I find myself alone in my bedroom or the Chick-Fil-A parking lot, digging into scripture to find peace in God's promises.

There are a couple of scriptures that I commonly find myself meditating on. One promise I have clung to through pretty much any unsettling season of life comes from Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.” I love these verses; they are my life quote. These verses tell us that if we put our trust in God, he will tell us which direction to go. Sometimes the way we want to go isn't always the way God wants us to go. But one thing I have learned in my 29 years of life is that it is better to be where God wants us than anywhere else.

Another verse that comes to my mind is Philippians 4:6-7 which says “Do not be anxious for anything, but in EVERYTHING, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving submit your requests to God and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”. These verses I love so much because it reminds me that my peace comes from Jesus.

There is no peace like “Jesus Peace”. So, I guess my takeaway is whether you are in a season of waiting or you aren't, cling to Jesus and cling to the Word. He is our source of peace and our source of Joy. And in this crazy world two things we absolutely need are (well Jesus of course) but “Jesus Joy” and “Jesus Peace.”

— Christy Murchison

Prayer Thought

Pray for God to give you rest. “Lord, I am tired of trying to live my life for you. Come and live your life through me.”