



## Keep On Keepin' On!

Most of you know I write from my life and try to be encouraging. Reminding both you, the reader, and me, the writer, that God is with us always. Well, sometimes life just “sucks”.

Every day God is with me. I know that because it's the only way I get through. But, good grief! Recently it seems I have struggled to just get through a day. That doesn't mean I doubt my faith or that God isn't with me. It just means I don't know where He wants me to go or what he wants me to do. I try to “be still” and listen. My mind just doesn't seem to shut off to the world around me.

One of my “anchor” verses is Exodus 14:14 ...

*The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. (KJV)*

That verse has gotten me through many battles in life. The statement “the Lord shall fight for you” tells me what He will do for me. The second part is a directive “ye shall hold your peace”. The NIV translation says, “*you need only to be still*”. Therein lies the problem...BE STILL!

Surely, I am not the only one who struggles with that part. How can I be still when life is going a mile a minute? How can I be still when I see a need and feel like I must intercede? How can I be still when I feel like I have to “fix” things for others?

My “still” time is in the morning, when I awaken. Before I get out of bed. During that time, I pray, first for others, then for the fortitude to get through the day and being thankful for the blessings I have. What I forget to do, is to take the time to listen. My feet hit the floor and my day is off and running. The phone rings, there is work to be done, projects to finish appointments, meetings, and the never ending housekeeping tasks. My next chance at any still time is after I fall into bed, before I go to sleep. It's called LIFE. Sometimes life gets in the way of living.

Then there are the times I “run away from home”. Which is what I am doing right now. I just take 3 or 4 days and head out of town. Most times I travel to what had been my home for 10+ years, Breinigsville. There, I have both the quietness of a motel room and the fellowship of my “church ladies”. We get together to talk, laugh, cry and encourage each other. It's a “refreshing of the spirit” that we all need from time to time. Between the stillness and fellowship, I am revamped and better prepared for living, not just life.

In the stillness, I can hear God. Directing me to just keep on keepin' on. No great epiphany, no “heavenly host” or sudden calling, just keep moving forward. That may sound a little uninspiring, but right now, it is what I need to hear. So many times, I feel like I am failing, but God points out that just doing what I am doing right now is what I need to be doing.

So, with that assurance, I keep plugging away. Praying, praising, writing and living each day the best way that I can...with love always.

We aren't all meant to be generals in God's army, the foot soldiers are just as important to Him as they are. The foot soldiers are the ones in the trenches, every day. Just moving forward and "keeping on". That, my friends, are what you and I are. That is what we must do.

The last "Inspired Message" I wrote was about putting on the armour of God. Well, now that it's on, we just need to move forward. Be still and listen. You'll hear God telling you the same.

*Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ...Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ...2 Timothy 2:1a & 2*

My fellow soldiers, keep on keepin' on through Christ.



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