

Why Me? (Far From Perfect)

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The Lord first began whispering the word *transformation* to me back in mid-May. Actually, the first flash of insight came as I was standing under the shower pondering life. (Some of my best thoughts come in the shower - I have this theory that hot water on the back of the neck stimulates blood flow to the brain. :-D) I was thinking about how many things in my life need to change or improve. I want to lose weight. I need new clothes. Our chore routines need some improvement. Homeschooling could do with more direction. Etc. You know how it is. And then that quiet voice: "*Time for Transformation.*"

As I prayed over that thought during the next couple of weeks, it became more and more clear to me that I had heard God's voice. That He had a plan. That something new was afoot. Something exciting. Something transforming! A summary of my conversation with God is something like this:

"This sounds good Lord - I'm in! What do I do first?"

"Keep a record - start a binder for journal entries, lists, chore charts - all the things I will show you."

"Ok, Lord. That's a good idea - so I'll have a record of what is happening, and can look back through it." :-)

"So you can share it with others."

"Ah, so, you're going to work this transformation in my life, and I'll keep a record, and afterwards, say in a year's time, I will share it with others? Good plan Lord!"

"No, child - I want you to share with others along the way."

Hmmmmmm

"But Lord.....well, ummmmm.....is that really a good idea?"

Silence

"Uh, Lord? Couldn't I just keep it to myself until you're done fixing me? Then I can really tell folk the best steps to take!"

Silence

"Sigh. Ok, I'll be honest, since you know my heart anyways.....I'm concerned that if I start sharing early on, that it will be disjointed. Or I'll start with a hiss-and-a-roar, and then it will be on-again-off-again - again! If I share, Lord, I want to be consistent. I don't mind sharing openly - I'm not shy or anything. But I want to do it well. And Lord, you know how hard it's been the last two years for me to write anything at all - will I block up again?"

"Trust Me."

"Well, yes, Lord, I do trust You! But why me, anyway Lord? I mean, I'm far from perfect. I'm full of flaws and faults. Who am I to tell anyone else "this is a good idea"?? Couldn't you find someone else who is so much MORE than I am for this job?"

"I chose YOU child. Not because of how great you are, but so that MY light might shine through you. My strength is made perfect in weakness. As I work in you, I want others to see ME through you."

And then I was very encouraged to read in The Living Bible Phil 3:12-13. This is Paul writing, by this

time an "old-pro" at being a Christian:

"I haven't yet learned all I should even yet, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing."

Wow - this is *Paul!* Paul, the great apostle, church leader, example to others. And he's not perfect yet either! But perhaps he's just one or two steps ahead of his disciples, and so can share with them. Perhaps he can come alongside his fellows on this life journey and encourage them to keep going. So there you have it folks - if you're looking for the Perfect-Christian-Wife-Homeschooling-Keeper-At-Home to follow, it's not me! Sorry to disappoint - you should find the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email. (Though SuperMom doesn't actually exist, but if you want to believe she does, who am I to burst your bubble?)

But if you're an ordinary, fallible, imperfect woman who loves her family, and you can stand to have another ordinary, infallible, imperfect woman share some of her thoughts, discoveries, trials and tribulations along life's journey, then stick around, because I just might be your gal after all! :-) And who knows - perhaps God will use me to encourage you, challenge you, or spark a new idea or three?!

To God be the Glory!

Love

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