

About Those Who Hope in the Lord

By Jennifer Brown

Isaiah 40:31

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One of my favorite verses comes a few lines earlier in Isaiah 40:28a:

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God.

The Creator of the ends of the earth.

For most of my life, I did not know. I had not heard. I didn't know the Lord really was the everlasting God and Creator of everything. I didn't know it to the depth of my soul in a way that changed me. I am indescribably grateful to know now, and I want everyone in my path to know also.

This past weekend I spent two days with some girls from Grace University. Those girls KNOW. They have HEARD. I was overwhelmed with the blessing of seeing these young girls so on fire for the Lord. I can't even imagine what God is going to do with them in the coming years.

My friend, God has plans for you just as He does for those girls. He will take every bit that you give Him, and multiply it. I can't wait to see what He is going to do with you in the coming years!

My prayer is that God has shown you the truth, that you have recognized that being "good" isn't going to get you into Heaven, and that you have accepted Jesus as your Savior. I pray that the Lord has encouraged each and every one of you, and that you are coming to know Him better each day. And I hope that this ministry has been used by Him in some small way in that process.

Hope in the Lord Ministries is expanding. There are more of us now. I'm still here, writing and speaking. Christine Anderson is also speaking and writing. We're both hoping to have new Bible studies finished by the end of the year. Cindy Buntin is working one-on-one with women and adding book review information to the ministry. Mary Jensen is passionate about giving the ministry hands and feet to serve Christ. There are others God is using from time to time; a good friend joined us as a speaker at Grace University this past weekend. And, we have a group that faithfully prays for us (and you!).

Above all, we're seeking God's will and trying to be faithful servants. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward. We're excited to see God's work!

Though the ministry is growing, our mission remains. We are still committed to encouraging others to find their hope in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, for it is the only true hope we have.

I'm blessed to share this verse with you this week and to know that you are planting it in your heart as well. I pray it is the small seed leading to mighty fruit in your life.

May God bless you richly as you seek Him,
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