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LET'S GET RID OF "THEM"

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of *them*, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Moses has seen his fair share of trials and struggles, yet in this passage he is telling the people that it is time to cross into the promised land. He won't go with them, but Joshua will lead the way. The way ahead may not be entirely easy as there are still enemies in the land... but the people are to trust that God will take care of "them". At this time, they are being shown the fulfilment of a promise. . There are some obstacles in front of them, but the Lord will go with them and give the victory!

Wrongly, I used to think that if you are in the very heart of the will of God, then the path should be smooth and easy. Not so! God knows that even when we are in His will and 'walking the walk', we can be afraid AND terrified. We will always face the "them" in our lives yet we have God with us and we can subdue fear and terror.

We are able to deal with intimidation, insecurity, uncertainty, fear, panic, confusion, stress, pressure, criticism, accusations, blame, discouragement, guilt, anger, disappointment...the list can go on. We cannot do this in our strength, but we stand against these things [and many more] because Christ is with us. His mere presence gives us strength and the courage to go forward. He says to us, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]

When we shrink away from adversity, we may be pulling back from the place that God has promised us. We see giants and face hurdles and think we need to find another way. Yet, perhaps God is asking us, with Him, to face 'them' and see Him have the victory. We need to speak to our hearts to not be frightened, not be terrified...because the Lord our God is with us.

Is there a more desirable place than facing the future with God at our side and His strength as ours? I don't think so!

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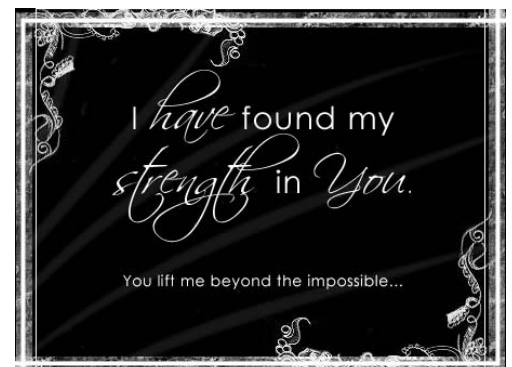
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Prayer for today

Dear Lord,
I know that without you, the struggles of life would overwhelm me. As I turn and face these things, stand with me and give me the strength to overcome. May I not miss out on your good will because of the hurdles before me. Together we can walk the journey you have planned for me.



GUEST
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Time for a clean out?

We've lived in our current house for almost five years and I cannot believe the amount of 'extra' stuff we had accumulated!

Our shed had been bulging at the sides so we decided to have a garage sale to clear it all out. We placed an ad in the local paper and with a deadline looming, we got to work cleaning, sorting and pricing.

There was an unbelievable amount of stuff to sell! A spare lounge suite, extra chests of drawers, boxes of old books, and even 3 kitchen sinks! Cleaning and clearing it out was overwhelming and honestly, at times, I would have preferred to just shut the shed door and walk away. It took a week of hard work, but we were ready when Saturday morning rolled around. Our garage sale was a success and we now have a clean shed.

The process was really hard, but the end result was well and truly worth it. I feel as if a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders, and although it was only a shed, I now feel like I am proud to have people see it.

Clearing out the extra 'stuff' we have in our lives and in our hearts is essential to us living and serving God to the fullest. Those negative thoughts or long held beliefs we may have about ourselves are getting in the way of us understanding His love and His will for our lives. He wants us to live lives of freedom and worth, not be bound up by the junk in our minds. John 10:10b "but I have come that you may have life and have it to the full".

In order to clear out hearts and minds, we need to take time to do some hard work with God. Surround yourself with people who can help and begin the process of healing. Seize opportunities to hear God's word from women who have gone before you. Immerse yourself in these promises of God - **you are** worthy and valuable (Prov 31:10), **you are** significant to God's plans (Eph 2:10), **you have** incredible strength because of Christ (Phil 4:13) and **you are** incredibly, deeply and passionately loved by God (Eph 3:18).

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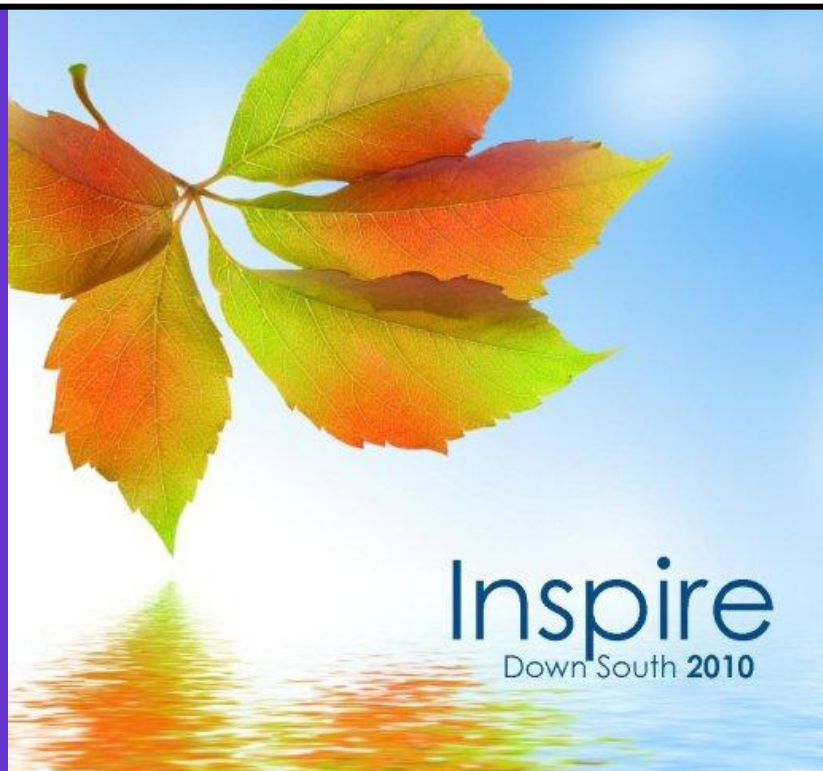
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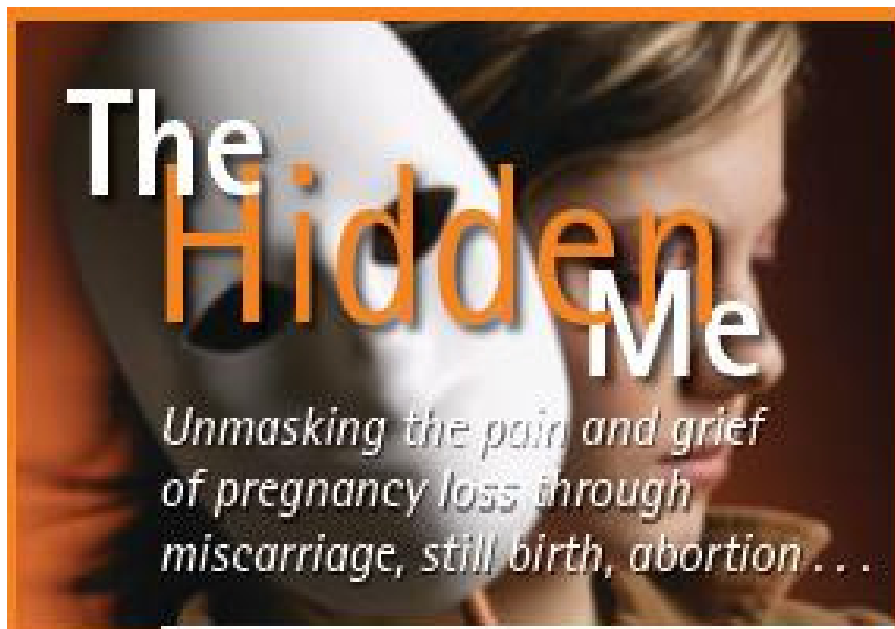
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