



~ Serenity Amidst the Storm ~

“...for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.” – Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

My life has been a story of multiple do-overs and new beginnings. Just when I thought things were where I wanted them, I had to start all over again from scratch. That is not an easy thing to go through, no matter how many times you have to face it.

However, one thing has developed that has changed my life – acceptance. I cannot change how life treats me. Sometimes I make mistakes, wrong choices, or simply must live through the harshness that life can bring at times. However, there are also beautiful sunsets, warm breezes, and happy memories that come too. The good most inevitably comes with the bad.

When my life doesn't make sense and things are happening that I have not planned, I have two choices, either give up and go down with the storm (this is not an option!) or I can hang on to Jesus and fight through with belief in the promises that He will never leave me nor forsake me and that all things work out for good to those that love Him and are called according to his purposes. (Romans 8:28) Jesus is my rock. He cannot be moved or changed. When life is moving and upheaval is everywhere, I can look to Jesus and remain in peace and contentment knowing that in Him every good thing will be given me from above. It just might not be in the way I had expected. Hence the reason a walk with Jesus is not for cowards and is NEVER a dull moment.

Let this Serenity Prayer be your prayer today as you let Jesus teach you how to find peace and contentment in ALL things:

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world*

*as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.*

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