



Feb.1, 2010

Dear Friends,

Just like every year, on New Year's eve, our staff gathered together to eat (we do a lot of that), fellowship, worship and ask the Lord what He has planned for 2010. Late into the evening, the Lord's presence became strongly evident as we worshipped the One who is more than worthy. Suddenly, I "saw" myself sitting on a fishing dock with my Friend and Savior. I was struck with the reality that everything and I mean *everything*, was completely, in every way, *perfect*. The pond was perfectly still, the air was the perfect temperature, there were no bugs, no clouds, no distractions of any kind and peace filled the air. It was nighttime; the moon was full and reflecting off the calm water. Turning to look at my Lord, I was overwhelmed by the love I saw in His eyes. Just one look and I knew everything was going to be alright, which was strange because I wasn't aware that I was concerned about anything. Being in His presence caused everything that wasn't in agreement to truth to be revealed. The amazing thing about that was the fact that I felt absolutely safe being immersed in truth because of the tremendous peace that consumed not only Him but also me.

My Beloved said, "Come with Me, I want to show you something." With great excitement, I followed Him off the dock. That was when I realized I was barefoot; my jeans were rolled up to my knees. But I wasn't worried because everything was perfect..no thorns, no snakes, no rocks. Eager to experience whatever He wanted to show me, I walked in front of Him. I had taken only a few steps when I was suddenly aware the scene changed. Everything looked exactly the same, except for the fact I was now aware there were bugs chirping, thorns scraping my legs and probably snakes hiding in the tall grass. I turned to see if my Lord was still with me and, to my relief, He was. I stopped walking because I was afraid. It was dark and I couldn't see what was hiding in the tall grass all around us. I told Him how afraid I was. He asked if I wanted Him to carry me. I was overjoyed and, like a child, jumped into His strong arms. He carried me through the tall grass. After some time, He said, "When you are a child it is appropriate to be carried, but once you have matured it is more advantageous for you to walk."

As I thought about His words, fear crept into my stomach—I didn't want to walk, I wanted Him to carry me. He continued, "If I continue to carry you, you would become weak and even lazy. This isn't partnership. Partnership is you doing your part and Me doing My part. Face your fears, child, and walk into them with Me."

Somewhat reluctantly, I agreed. Still barefoot, in the dark, unable to see what is in my path I took a few steps. I realized I could step on a snake so I moved by His side thinking I would be safe there. But it took only a couple of steps for me to realize I wasn't safe there either—I could step on a snake, thorn, hole, etc. I asked what I could do to be safe. He answered, "Just follow Me. I will be the One who goes before you, clearing your path and leading you into My perfect will."

Exited, I stepped behind Him. With each step He took, I placed my foot in His footprint. I realized very quickly that I couldn't see where I was going or what was coming. I didn't like that at all and told Him so. He responded, "You don't like walking this way because you can't see, which means you aren't in control. This is what walking by faith looks like. Just place your face against My back, hold onto Me and step where I step."

Taking a deep breath, I did as He asked and realized that it truly is the only way to live. Once I had that revelation, He stopped. I stepped out from behind Him. Before us was a very large target with

bull's eye painted on it. In the center of the bull's eye was the word, "YOU". He said, "In 2009 I instructed you and your staff to focus on getting healed and maturing. 2009 was about you." He walked over and turned the target around. Written on the outside rim were the words: "For the King and for His kingdom!" In the center was written, "The Alpha and the Omega".

He said, "2010 will be about Me and My kingdom. This year you are to make Me the very center of all you do. I am central! It's not primarily about you—it's about Me! In 2010, I will open doors to My kingdom for you in a greater way. I will send many to you and you will go out. What you discovered and experienced in 2009 will enable you to fulfill My mandate for 2010."

As a result of this experience, we at Harvest Home are seeking the fullness of what this means for us to make Christ central (we thought He already was so we have a lot to learn) and what it means to walk by faith and not by sight. I believe this word is about so much more than us. I believe it is for the church. This year is to be a year of reaching outside yourself with the heart of the King to a hurting world that He might be glorified. Danny and I pray that the Lord will give you strategy and insight as to what this looks like for you personally. For the King and for the kingdom!

PRAYER NEEDS:

We *really* appreciate your prayers because prayer changes things. Please continue to pray for us to be wise carriers of the Father's heart. Danny and I are excited to welcome into our home/family a precious fourteen-year-old girl who will be living with us for about six months. Jordan is a delightful girl with a strong desire to be healed completely (God has already done so much). She wants to grow up and help other girls who have been through things similar to what she experienced. Please pray for her complete healing in her spirit, soul and body. Please ask God for the wisdom, strategy and His heart for the team who has volunteered to pour their lives into Jordan. They are Kelly, Janice, Melissa, Sarah, Adi, Danny and myself.

If you would like to help sponsor Jordan's school, living and other expenses, please fill out the enclosed form and mail it back to us. Because of her traumatic past, Jordan needs a full-time, private tutor. Her life on Our Father's Farm will include: academics, music, art and horse ministry, which help facilitate her healing academically as well as emotionally. Thank you for caring, for there is no greater gift than to lay your life down for another....

Danny and I love you and so appreciate all that you do for the King and for His kingdom! May God bless you spirit, soul and body as you help expand the kingdom for the glory of the King!

For His Glory Alone,
Danny and Rhonda

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