



Keep Swimming

Yesterday morning I was sitting next to one of the ponds at the Johannesburg Botanical Gardens (Emmerentia dam) just being quiet before the Lord, just watching nature around me and taking in everything. As I sat there I watched this duck swimming across the pond and took a photo of it with my phone because it made me think of us sometimes.

We sometimes feel like the duck, struggling across the waters, not seeing the end, just seeing the little part of the waters in front of us, feeling lost, like we don't know we are going anymore... but God knows..

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

I was reminded again that God see's the big picture while we only see a little part of it. We might feel like God has left us to paddle on our own over the waters but it is not true, not only is God with us, He is the Water Himself..

Life sometimes feels overwhelming, like we know where we are suppose to end up, but we are not sure how we will get there, but God knows. He is watching us, guiding us, looking over us and He knows how to get us to where we should be.

For You *are* my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me. (Psalms 31:3)

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. (Psalms 23:4)

We all go through difficult times, we all go through times where we feel were paddling but not getting anywhere, we all go through times where we feel directionless, we all go through times where we feel like our friends have left and the world does not favor you.. If you are in such a time, all I can say is .. Keep swimming. Don't ever give up, hold onto the Lord, let Him guide you, let Him help you, let Him heal you, let Him restore you.

In times that you feel lost that you can find His hand holding you tight.

Become quiet before the Lord, seek His face and you will find that the strength you need to carry on is inside you, for He is your Strength.

I love you, LORD God, and you make me strong. (Psalms 18:1)

I pray that the Lord will strengthen you, help you to give up on trying to make it happen yourself and just grab onto Him with both hands because He is all the help you need, He makes us strong, He gives us direction, He makes us whole.

The LORD will fight for you, and you won't have to do a thing." (Exodus 14:14)

And remember God uses the lessons we learn in tough times to help us do the one thing we should do, grow up to spiritual adulthood.

Habakkuk 3:19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, {and} my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] {and} make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. (James 1:2-4)

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