

# Encouragement Now!

November 2014

## *A Forever Thankful Heart*

It is about 1:00 am in the morning on Nov. 17, 2014! My precious sweet husband of 41 years and I will be celebrating what the Lord has done in our lives together! Because you see He is the one who has taken care of, watched over us, taught us and directed us in our marriage these past 41 years! You see we started out as best friends in school at the ripe old age of 13! Where God informed my, now husband, at just 13 when neither of us were thinking marriage, that I was going to be his wife! At that time it put a quick scare in him and he ran in the opposite direction! Thinking marriage! Who's thinking marriage at 13!!!

I was not aware of this but was a little confused as to why he became very protective over me! After all as best friends we basically were just buddies! As a matter of fact I was elected by one of our professors to deliver his homework daily while walking home from school while he was out recovering from a surgery that year! We continued being just best friends when April 28 1969 we went on our first date with his folks and from that day forward I new in my heart by the Holy Spirit (although I really wasn't sure it was the Holy Sprit) but I new in my heart that somehow this best friend would remain in my life forever! Still not knowing of the Word God had given my best friend! We continued Jr. high school! the proms and all the fun stuff being best friends! When at our Sr. prom on the beach in front of the most elegant restaurant my best friend asked me to marry him at the age of 18!!! As you might have guessed I said YES!!

As you know when someone is obedient to the Lord! There will be trouble from the enemy! We got married at 19! And began a journey that has been unbelievable! Two kids coming from secular backgrounds, with no understanding of what a real live Godly marriage was to be!! I'll be the first to tell you that God is so faithful, patient loving and merciful! He so totally new our hearts! And so totally new what He was doing when He told my best friend I'd be his wife!!

The journey has been remarkable! Challenging! And exciting!! We have experienced puberty, buying our first home! Our first car together! Birthing five beautiful awesome children together! Began business's and ministry together! Became spiritual parents! Became mother and father in loves! Gone thru the change of life! And now grandparents of two beautiful little girls!! Together we have had the struggles, the challenges, the attacks, experiences that we never ever would have expected as teenage best friends! But in every situation God has been so very faithful! He has kept his Word! Answered our prayers! Taught us by the precious teacher

the Holy Spirit! Helped us to raise our beautiful family! All born again! Loving the Lord and given us spouses for each one who also are born again and loving God!

My very best friend and I celebrate daily the love He has shown us thru each season of our life and marriage together every day! Always remembering where He brought us from! Carried us thru! Teaches us! Restores and redirects when needed! Life is awesome with my best friend and the Lover of our Souls! JESUS!!

Thanksgiving sometimes in homes today has centered on the big turkey and all the trimmings! Which is wonderful! But I think sometimes we forget the plans and purposes of our God! The words He may have spoken to you as a child or adult that you may have shelved or taken for granted! I want to encourage each of us today, never forget were you began and were Jesus has brought you too! If God gave you a word and you married your best friend or may be running from the Word let me encourage you this thankful day that you'll never be sorry in obedience, you may think your plans don't include that word, but in Christ you can never fail! He knows what's ahead and what you and that word can do ! Remember the Word is JESUS!!

I can testify that Gods plans for two 13 year olds, who had no idea what being saved, obedient, or serving in Gods plan was! Has turned out to be so joyful! And full of such daddy God surprises! Full of life in abundance! I honor my precious husband, lover and best friend on this day our God joined us together for a wonderful journey of life together! I'm looking forward to what our Lord has planned ahead! The word we have been given by the Lord is His will an is restoring my best friend to full health, that he would give us both strength for the journey!! And He is absolutely doing just that!

Thank you to my best friend and lover for being obedient from the start of our friendship, for that I will always be thankful to you and for you, and to our Jesus for His plans and purposes over these years and for the upcoming years to come!! I'M SO THANKFUL!!

## *Christmas Celebration*

As many of you know we are in one of those challenges with my very best friend, but I want to let you know that the faithfulness of our God has not changed! We have seen daily miracles in my husbands health!! The lover of our souls! The one who put us together is the one taken us thru another season of life!! We expect nothing less then His truth of restoration and healing as our faithful Lord and Savior has paid the price and said it was done!!

The Word of God has so many scriptures and examples of thanksgiving and being thankful not just in the season of thanksgiving celebrations but living a daily life with a thankful heart! Life can be so busy that really stopping and meditating on what you have to be thankful for gets set aside, and not to be negative, but that is one of the first signs of backsliding! This is a trick of the enemy! Getting everyone so busy that they have no time to count their blessings! Meditate on their everyday blessings they are given! Like waking up to a new day! Having food, protection and provision, a place to lay your head down, and to be warm! To see the beauty of each season! To set across from your faithful spouse each meal together remembering the love God gave you for he or she! And how God has orchestrated your lives together! The things He's brought you both thru! Those beautiful children that God blessed you with in that love! The ongoing generation that love continues to multiply thru your children to your grandchildren and great grandchildren.

God's love never quits! Nor does that love ever fail! What a privilege we have to know how much our creator has done and continues to do in our every day life! When was the last time you were hung on a cross and endured the pain and agony for people that rebelled against every blessing that you wanted to give to a dark and dying world to free you from the kingdom of darkness and bring you into the wonderful light of hope and healing, blessings and no cursing? Into a life now and eternally full of love abundance and life? That's what our creator has done for us! JESUS paid for it all and has given us so much! When was the last time you remembered all he did just for you, as well as all persons in all the world? Let me invite you to set your eyes and heart on God's plans and blessings for your daily life, Here are just a few of His words:

Psalm 75:1 Unto thee, O God do we give thanks; unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near. Thy wondrous works declare,

Look around dear ones! And see our wondrous God! In the sky! The flowers and trees, mountains and seas, the wondrous works do actually declare God! Hallelujah!! Take time and enjoy your God's beauty! He is such an awesome creator.

Psalm 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

What a wonderful inheritance we have to give by our example! Being able to give our next generations coming behind us the blessing of a thankful environment brought on by our heart attitude and words expressed daily in our lives! What is coming out of us today is either affecting or infecting our environment! We have this choice daily! Let's bring blessing to our loved ones and even our work places outside our homes by choosing to bring praise to

our wonderful, faithful God!! After all the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts!! Let's bring glory to our Great God! And blessing to those around us! Amen?

God is so faithful and has given anyone who believes and receives Him as their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ every blessing in the word of God! Life is so much sweeter living in Him than living in the world's system. Nothing is held back for those who have faith in Him, trusting our Lord is so much better than trusting the world or people, We as people fail in ourselves, but not in Christ! Let me encourage you today that no matter what trials tribulations or crises you may be in the Lord promises He will never leave you or forsake you! By remembering that it's impossible to please God without faith and faith works by love! No other way will it work! I encourage you in this season of thanksgiving that we remember;

Ephesians 5:20

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS  
UNTO GOD AND THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!  
IN THIS WE WILL BE GIVING GOD ALL THE  
GLORY!

*God will bless you this Thanksgiving in so many ways, expect it!*

*Love in Christ  
Reagan and Patti*

Encouragement Now! Is up and running preparing for the Christmas celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Come on buy! Share a Christmas snack! Remember us in your Christmas gift giving! To those precious friends and families that you want to bless and bring encouragement to! We have something for everyone! It's a great time to invest into the kingdom! It gives you opportunity to bless others in your personal life as well as to bless others! This ministry reaches out to not only encourage others but to help people in hard times! Thank you for being a blessing and all of you for your prayers and support and the continued words of encouragement! God has been so faithful! We are preparing for our annual Happy Birthday Jesus party's for our senior community! Being my husband is a little confined we won't be going out, but will bring guests in for the celebrations! It's always a privilege to serve! Bring glory to our God! but to make sure that each precious soul has the opportunity to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior! We have had guests 102 years old in our outreaches not knowing Jesus!