**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**40 Days of Devotions**

***“Abide in Me and I in You ... the Key John 15:4*.”**

Day 31

*“I love you, Lord; you are my strength.* ***2****The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.*

***31*** *For who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock?* Psalm 18:1-2, 31 (NLT)

I watched out the front window as a Red-headed Woodpecker made its way up and down the Pine tree that’s in our front yard, hammering its head as it went. A pair of red birds caught my eye, fluttering around on the sidewalk. Spring is making an appearance with warmer days, flowers popping up, and the birds singing ever so joyfully. I would add that I am getting ready to plant my garden, however it doesn’t take long to get ready, because my garden consists of, one tomato plant. That’s right, just one. If someone asks me if I plant a vegetable garden, I say yes, and explain right away the extent of it or lack thereof, because often their next question is, “What kind of vegetables do you plant?” So, if I explain at the beginning that I plant one tomato plant, because God uses it to teach me about abiding in Him. After that explanation, it’s rare that they ask any additional questions.

As I thought about planting my tomato plant, I suddenly remembered New Jersey is in “near-lockdown” mode. This means stay home unless you need essential items or work for an essential business, along with an 8:00 p.m. curfew. I then began to think about post Coronavirus and what that might look like.

Projections made by the White House Coronavirus Task Force are staggering. For many of us life will undoubtedly not be the same. So how do we plan for our gardens, for upcoming weddings, for birthday parties, and for so many changes in our lives? I’m not sure.

May I share with you what I do know? As I sit here writing this devotional, I know that Jesus is sitting with me. I know that He hears and answers prayers and for that reason, I pray as I write, asking God to give me His thoughts, so these words may be His words to you.

I know that He wants to be the carrier of our burdens, I know that He sees every tear, He knows every sorrow, every disappointment, and every fear.

I also know that Jesus is the source:

* of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9)
* of hope (Romans 15:13)
* of comfort and mercy (2 Corinthians 1:3)
* of joy (Psalm 43:4)

 and He is the Light in the darkness (John 8:12)

Ladies, I don’t know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future. Let’s celebrate Jesus!!!

Prayer: Father, I’m resting in Your strong right hand. All honor and glory to You forever! Amen!

I Know by Kim Walker-Smith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gw_PIqT-_k>