

Rest For A Weary Soul Daily Devotional - Monday, March 17, 2008

Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

I went out today at lunch time to run some errands. I had little time in the evening so this was the only time today to accomplish my list of to-do's. I was successful in my endeavor, but during my journey, I lost my work key card. I thought I'd left at the bookstore, which was the last place I remember feeling it in my pocket. When I realized it was gone, I was standing in the parking lot at work. It was too late to go back to the store.

I had to call the store. I thought about the phone call I was about to make, when I realized I could easily identify myself to the cashier and jog her memory of my visit. While I was in the store, a chatty little girl, along with her baby brother and grandmother, were in line next to me. The cashiers seemed to move in slow motion. It was so slow, the little girl had time to ask everyone's name. She started with the woman in front of me. Her name was Betty. The grandmother reminded the little girl about speaking to strangers. The granddaughter's response, "But I know her, her name is Betty." And there I stood behind Betty, wondering when the line would move so I could avoid what I knew was coming. I tried not to look at the little girl because I knew she'd defy her grandmother's words. Didn't work. She looked at me and said, "I don't know your name. You are a stranger." "I said, yes, I'm a stranger." "What's your name?" "My name is Michele."

The grandmother shrugged her shoulders and said, "It's hard to teach them to be polite and not speak to strangers."

This little girl kept on....she shared her name with us. And then another woman walked up behind me. I smiled at her and sure enough, the question came. "Ruth, my name is Ruth, just like in the Bible." Finally, the cashiers completed the transaction for Betty and the grandmother. We all smiled and waved goodbye.

When I called back to the bookstore, I reminded the cashier about the little girl and Betty, Michele and Ruth. "I'm Michele and I lost my key card in your store." I just knew the Lord had answered my whispered prayer request to find that thing. Sara, the cashier, said, "I'm sorry we don't see it. Maybe it's in your car. Give me your number though and I'll call you if we find it."

Maybe I did leave it in the car. No, I'd checked several times. I rummaged through my deep purse. Nothing. I'd decided that on Tuesday, I'd just have to go and report that I lost my key card.

We went out this evening, but upon returning home, there was a message from Sara, the cashier. She'd gone home after her shift was over and had found nothing. But she, with her husband in tow, went back to the bookstore, only to

find my key card in the bookstore parking lot! She called and left a message detailing her discovery. Tomorrow, at lunch time, I have another errand to run....to go pick up my key card.

Now that may seem small to some, but what I saw was the hand of the Lord all over that situation. I had no idea at the time that the little girl's chattiness and the length of time it took to get her family through the line, would be of benefit to me. God is awesome! Now if the Lord cares enough about me in that, what more the larger things in life? He's doing this all of the time for His people. I was privy to see it all play out, one moment at a time!

I just want to encourage you today that everything has meaning in your life, whether it makes sense or not. I don't know what you're up against. I don't know if everything is just starting to fall in place or if you're seeing things as sliding downward. I plead with you to know God hasn't forgotten what you're dealing with and somewhere you'll see it all come together. It's working for you, not against you...whatever it is...it will be for you!

One more thing, Sara, the cashier, thanked me for waiting and gave me a coupon for 25% off my next entire purchase!

5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5 KJV)

28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28 KJV)

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.