

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INEXPRESSIBLE GIFT

-- 2 Corinthians 9:15



Dear Sisters in Christ,

There is something I don't want you to miss – a priceless gift from God, especially for those of us who live in Coeur d' Alene. If you can, get up an hour early, grab a cup of coffee and your bible, then get in your car and drive down to the lake. You will witness the most spectacular fall color show - and if you roll your window down just a little bit; the crisp morning air - sights, smells, sounds and textures of nature will hit you right in the face – literally! Are you there yet?

See the squirrels scurrying through the mounds of leaves, and at the water's edge, the geese and ducks are huddled together like little soldiers, with heads tucked and blankets of morning dew covering them. Now lift your eyes to take in the mist rising up off of the icy blue water. Warm light filters through the fog, revealing the hint of a shoreline shrouded on the other side. No one is around. It's just you and the occasional squawk of a seagull. All at once sunbeams burst through the milky haze illuminating a fisherman in silhouette. He casts his line out from the boat and you hear the faint plunk as hook and line meet water. He sits, content to wait, knowing the fish are just beneath the surface. He is patient.

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” II Peter 2:9

It's peaceful. The leaves swirl in the breeze around your feet. You sigh as a deep sense of contentment overtakes you. For some reason you can't seem to take your eyes off of that fisherman.... it's like a personification of God is being played out in living, breathing, glorious color right before your eyes!

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20

I wish I could paint. I'd bring an easel with me the next time to try and capture this moment. But nothing made by the hands of men can compare to the beauty of The One we hold within our hearts. Do you know Him? Close your eyes with me please. Quiet your thoughts and **Behold Your God!**

“...I am God and there is no other: I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, and what is still to come. I say: My counsel will stand, and I will accomplish all that I purpose.” Isaiah 46:9,10

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“It is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,” Ephesians 2:8

**“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed are those who take refuge in Him.”
Ps. 34:8**

Have you received this priceless gift? Do you know the incomparable sweetness of fellowship and intimacy with Jesus that results in a changed life? Are your desires what He desires for you? True fulfillment comes only through repentance of sin. Trust in Jesus. Obey the Holy Spirit's leading in your life and He will take you on a whole new adventure that honors God. Step out in faith my sisters! Like me, you will find it is a far greater blessing to serve others in Jesus' Name, than anything else you will ever do. To God be the GLORY forever!

We love you,

Cindy and your Women's Ministry Team,
Aundrea, Dianne, Karen, Kelli, Lori, Michele, Trudi and Jody

