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*Living a Life of Faith!*

***“Trust in the Lord and do good, dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.”***

*Psalm 37:3*

This has been a long and tough winter for many of us...snow beginning in early November through early April. We have experienced loss of friends and family. It would be easy to “lose faith” if we relied on the world for our comfort and hope. But Thank You, Jesus, we have His Word to bring us hope, encouragement and TRUTH. We can rely on the character of God... strong, merciful, loving, just and unchanging. For every valley, there is a mountain top. For every desert, there is an oasis. We see new hope evident in His creation around us, as sunshine bursts forth and the newness of life is all around us.

***“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”***

*Lamentations 3:22-24*

As Mother’s Day approaches, I did some research. How did Mother’s Day start in our country? “In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May to honor mothers. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women’s groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother’s Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother’s church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within 5 years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honor became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.” This is rather a sad story of something intended as honoring our mothers, but the world commercialized it. So, dear Sisters in Christ, we look to the One who created us, celebrating one another in Him as we care

and nurture those He has given us, whether by natural birth , adoption, or cherished chosen ones ....we look to Him.

***“...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...”***

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

***“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.”***

*1 John 5:4*

Amen...

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