

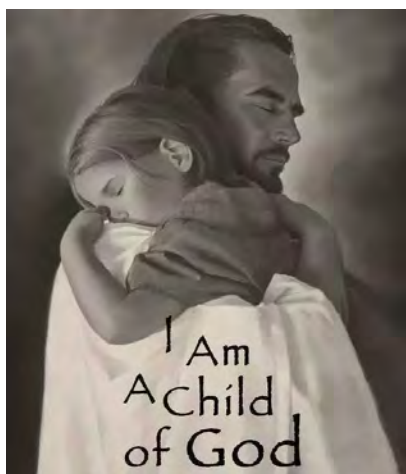
Our Father in China

Eastern China

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What's Happening 1

*God is good.... God is Faithful...
Jesus loves us...*



I wish to start with Scripture

"But seek First His Kingdom, and His Righteousness, and all these things (needs) will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it's own." Matthew 6:33-34

What a promise from our Heavenly Father. To take care of OUR needs, as we put God's purposes FIRST in our life. And we see that God does not want us to worry. Worry is not healthy for us. God is truly our Heavenly Father, wanting the best for His children. Rest in the love that YOUR Father has for you. Rest... I say again - Rest - We too often want to "serve" our God, when many times He just wants to be with you. To spend time with Him. Rest in His love for you, this week...

"Who should we talk with? Who should we share the good news with?" she asks. My answer, "God is touching their hearts, and God will bring them to us." "But how?" She asks.



Keys??

Doesn't every "Good story" opps...
I mean every "God story" start with a problem?? But then...

Blessed

I arrived in China about a month ago. My 9th trip to China. I love living here. God's love is here and touching hearts.

My home is located in a big city, with many wonderful people, and great food.



The harvest is ripe, but the workers are few, pray for the harvest. God will hear you...

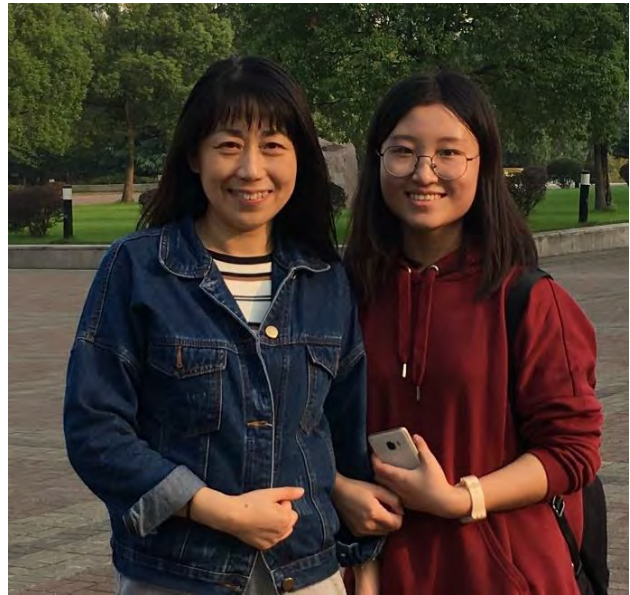
The Keys...

I needed to have some keys made. Pretty simple task. Right? So I see a small shop where the man makes keys. I speak to him in Chinese saying, "I need one" while holding up a key, and pointing to the blank keys. I thought that would be really clear, but - maybe God was at work, because he did not understand. Hmm

I tried again, but the same words did not help! Lol. Then I hear a voice in English, "Can I help you?" And there were 3 university students standing close to me. One was speaking to me in English, asking if she could help me. Thank You Jesus! "Yes" I said with joy in my voice, and the translation begins.

As the keys were being made, I learned that two of them had Bibles, but needed help to understand. I told them I like to teach others about the Bible. They smiled and said, "When?"

I called a Chinese friend and she spoke to one of them about our loving Father. I spoke with the other two. This was Friday afternoon, and two days later they joined our brothers and sisters for a Sunday morning party. Then I invited them to my home for dinner the following Saturday.



On Saturday we had a great time together as two came for lunch, and 2 came for dinner. My sister and I went shopping at the local farmers market, and she cooked a delicious lunch & dinner for us. Three of us went for a walk, and had a special time together. That night my roommate played the piano for us. He is so incredible on the piano.



The next morning we got together again with some brothers and sisters, (we like to be together) and had a special time. This was on Sunday morning. Not only did our 3 friends show up, but they brought a friend with them. We sang, read, talked and had lunch together.

I sent them pictures from our time together on Saturday and Sunday morning, and here is two of their comments:

“So lovely! We kind of look like a family. Hope we can gather like this more often ~ and we can cook some dishes for you.”

“Yeah, I liked that day very much too. I felt like there is a special bond created between us, it is very good. Thank you, I

learned so much, and had a lot to remember.”

God touches hearts, and He brings them to us to help them, and to love them. How wonderful this past week has been. Such an answer to your many requests to our Father. Thank you!

Scripture Corner

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

Psalm 34:8 - 10

“If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 59:10 - 11

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be. Matthew 6:19 - 21

Blessings for Us

We live in a fast paced world. Doing more is always better, right?

This has an air of “productivity” and “value” but we need to stop and ask, what is important to God?

When I ask this question of God, His answer always leads me to “relationships”. Loving others and loving God Himself. Spending time with people and God.

As you read these scriptures, I ask a favor of you. I ask you to read these slowly. Meditate on what God is saying to you.

We are blessed to have the Living Word of God

Life Lessons...

“The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Exodus 17:1-2

Did God forget they needed water? He got busy and forgot his chosen people? Hmmm... Or was this a test of their trust and patience. Then Moses strikes the rock, and water pours out of an impossible place – showing the Power & the Glory of our God.

Exodus 13:37 & 38 tells us there were “six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds.” How much water does it take to meet the needs of over a million people with “droves” of livestock? God provides, even when the situation shows no solution. God cares.

Has God led you to your Rephidim, and there seems to be no solution? Has God forgotten you? God is there... Continue to be Faithful. Seek Him. Continue to draw close to Him. He is our answer!

Our Father has allowed so much emotional and physical pain in my life. I’ve spent many a day camped at Rephidim. How has this impacted me? This has chipped away at my hard and proud heart, so that now I have a heart filled with love, compassion, kindness, and a passion to help others. My Rephidim days have also taught me patience. A valuable characteristic for me.

I am thankful for my times of need, and my times of pain. God was there... God was preparing me for this time of ministry, and God is preparing you too. God has wonderful plans for you. No complaints. Just Trust. Patience. Allow God’s plan to chip away. God is good. All the time.

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal Glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him/her from them all. Psalm 34:17 - 19



Requests...

- Blessings for my 3 student friends
- Blessings for my brothers and sisters here.
- For my trust to continue to grow
- For our Father to touch Your Heart, to fill you with joy, peace and to clearly hear from Him about His wonderful plans for your life...

Thanks for being a Partner in this...