**Titus Women’s Discipleship Summit**

**30 Days of Devotions**

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

Day 19

*“Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.* ***8****I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely. I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.”* Psalm 63:7-8 (NLT)

***5****“‘I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.* ***7****If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you’”.* John 15:5, 7 (NASB)

Several years ago, my husband and I cared for both of my parents in our home. Both were housebound, in hospital beds, in our living room at the same time. My husband worked and I home schooled our boys. Never knowing what our day would bring, I would get up and get dressed for the day, including putting on my sneakers, they made me feel ready for what the day might bring.

My sneakers made me feel ready, but actually, it was Jesus. He carried me through the days, especially as my parent’s conditions worsened. Scripture became my nourishment and prayer my peace from God. Psalm 63:7-8 has been a favorite of mine for quite some time. The imagery of singing in the shadow of God’s wings and being able to cling to His strong right hand, is breathtaking.

As I think about all that’s going on in our country and around the world, it feels a bit like we are in a battle, and I need to put my sneakers on. We are in uncharted territory, but we can rest in Jesus, and trust that He will meet us in our tomorrows.

Jesus said, “*Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest*.” **1**

Then I heard Jesus say to me, Come, abide in Me and I will abide in you. I am the Vine; you are the branch. Just stay attached to Me.**2**  Abiding in Jesus is the key!

Prayer

Father, You are glorious! Teach me to pray. I invite You into my day, I surrender all of me to You. Search me and know my heart. Reveal to me anything that is not of You.

Teach me Lord, how to keep my heart and my eyes focused on You and not the world around me. Lord I choose to think about what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. I pray in Your name Jesus, for the complete removal of this virus. I pray for our families, communities, state, country, and our world.

Lord, I pray for those who do not have anyone to pray for them. For those who are lonely and isolated. For those who are out of work. I pray for Your protection against violence in our homes and on our streets. Jesus, I know that You can do a new thing in our churches, in our families, and in our governments. I seek Your will, not my own. Would You give light to my path and keep my feet from slipping.

In Jesus Name, Amen

**1** Matthew 11:28-30; **2** John 15:5,7