

E-DEVOTION FOR APRIL 20

Don't you feel, as I do, that we are all on a kind of journey? The only problem is...our GPS is failing us, and we find ourselves not sure where we are headed! And almost every day, I want to ask... **"Are we almost there???"**

I found myself reading Isaiah, and in chapter 58, vs. 11, I found some direction...

"And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry."

I need those words as we face another week of 'Stay At Home.' No matter where we are headed...we have a guide, a real GPS! And He will keep us strong and well. No matter what physical or emotional fears come to us...we are fed and watered by his empowering love.

When we travel, we tend to make a lot of stops. We'll pull off, here or there, take a break, capture a photo of a view or even read a monument. I feel that we are kind of doing that right now. We're on a road, but we find ourselves distracted by what is happening. We pull off. We become fearful or even lose some hope.

But then...we get 'On the Road Again' (just like Willie!) And the interesting thing about that is we don't go back to the beginning, do we? No, we pick up where we paused. Our faith keeps us focused once more and we go on our way. This time might just be a 'pause,' a time for us to look at the view...gather all the facts...and then face forward with our guide right in front of us...leading and directing us to the final destination.

Read Isaiah...God's promises of hope and healing are clearly revealed. Not just for days past, but for our future. He made a covenant with his people. That covenant is for us, as well.

Enjoy your journey this week! It may hold a few surprises! Be sure to wash your hands, fold them...bow your head and give thanks for His direction.

Pray with me: "Dear Lord, just as you led your people centuries ago, lead us now. Be our strength and our guide. Keep us faced in the right direction. We ask for strength for all those who are parched and weary, and healing for those who suffer. Amen. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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