

Extraordinary Women

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. Covid-19 is still very much with us and it is hard finding ourselves back in lockdown. It would be easy to be panicked and frightened by what we see on our televisions and read in our newspapers, but as Christians, even amidst the storms that would batter us and try to shake us we know that God is still on

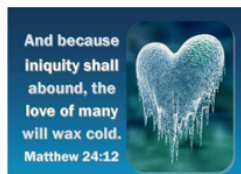
the throne! He will hold us and keep us in the days to come.

For some it's days of loneliness for others pain and illness or coming to terms with the loss of a loved one-- but for those that trust in Him, EVEN when we fear our faith may fail us, He WILL hold us fast.

I read a devotional recently and the writer said that instead of reaching for the television control or reading our newspapers first thing in the morning we should choose to open our bibles and see what God has to say to us for the day. Let us continue to stay close to Him and listen for HIS voice as He speaks to us in those quiet moments.

I have found the words of this song to be appropriate for where I find myself at the moment and have found great comfort in them, I hope and pray whatever your situation you too will know the truth of them. **Moyra**

One of my favourite coffee cups is the red cup. It has the word "love" on it, written in a heart. It also has a gold handle. Anyway, this morning, as I sat thinking and praying for the Breakthrough Retreat (details at the bottom of the email), I noticed that this very-red cup now had a faint gold handle, where it once had been bright. Not only that, but my coffee inside of it had gone cold too. Has my heart felt more cold lately? Has my love been fading out? It is something worth considering... Jesus tells us that there will come a point that,



It's a scary thought, but I think many of us, in many ways, can already see this happening. *Is it happening with you? Is it happening with me?*

I have noticed, I've felt increasingly annoyed at some people online. Impatient with others. On edge around my kids. Hard on myself. Yet, we all are learning and growing. We are not perfect; we are becoming. We are the light of Christ. We know and reflect the King of all glory. We are all needing healing in different areas of our lives. *Do we live this way? Do we give others room to discover God and life this way? Do we extend patience towards ourself? Receive grace that helps us recover?*

Most of all, are we connected to the vital vine of Jesus? Are we so filled with His love that we ooze it everywhere?

"We love because he first loved us." (1 John. 4:19)

We are kind to ourselves because He is kind to us. We are full of love towards our husband, because He is full of love towards us. We extend grace, because we have received it. We feel full of life, because we have gotten in His Word. We understand His life -- who God is -- by the Holy Spirit.



When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*



We're going to be sending out a monthly devotional thought and if you have something that you would like to share with us please get in touch and we will be delighted to send it out

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