

Five Little Commands That Can Change Your Day! Cylinda Nickel



SO once again I have been jarred by my daily Bible Reading. I Corinthians 16:14 jumped out of my Bible.....slapped my face..... and then slipped quietly back onto my Bible.

Here is what it reads:

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

That is a lot of commands in one tiny verse!

1. Watch-

How many times have we forgotten to watch our attitude, the wondering of our mind, the negativity that wants to leap into our hearts? How many times have I failed in being diligent to live fully for Christ daily?

2. Stand Fast in Faith-

This is kind of a pet peeve of mine right now. How have we raised a generation that does not know what it stands for? Obviously the government has figured it out- look who is wanting to talk to our kids. Okay that is a whole other blog. But honestly Mothers- Woman in the mirror included. It is my responsibility to teach the Bible to MY KIDS in MY HOME. Not only that- but on a personal level I have to stand fast in my faith. I know that so many things change- but His Word, and my relationship with him can not!

3. Be Brave-

Wow- that is a hard one. I have struggled with that one this week. I have had some huge situations in both my job and personal life lately. None of which I can share. They sometimes awaken me in the middle of the night. I sometimes cry, sometimes just stare at the ceiling, and hopefully most often get up and pray. I don't want to be brave. I want to lay under my cool cotton sheets and not get up. I want my Mom to step into my room and tell me it will be okay. I want to be six again and the cares of the world are- if I will get to my sixies in jacks on the playground. I can't do that. I have to be brave. I have to be brave for my family, for the MKs that I love, and for the ones that I hope I am some how mentoring in my life. But let's face it- the sheets and calling Mom sure does sound great at 3 AM when you can't sleep.

4. Be Strong-

Again- another tiny yet huge word- Strong. I am not a needy person. John will be the first to tell you this. I remember before we got married we had pre-marriage counseling sessions. My Pastor's wife told me that John needs to be the strong one, the one that could help me, the one that could carry my suitcase. I told her- what if I CAN CARRY IT? I missed the point- true strength is letting others carry the burden with you or for you. It is declaring that I am weak and I need some help.

5. Let all that you do be done with Love-

When as Christians will we get this? I met with a friend of mine this past week. She was telling me about some situations that happened in her church where the leadership had the power to make or break a situation- all by stopping and showing an individual love. In those situations it was a missed opportunity. What happens when love is not shown? There is a questioning of ones value, ones worth, and a recoiling that happens in their spirit. How long does it take to do something in love? The same amount of time it takes to do something without doing it in love. The difference- your heart.

I have asked the Lord over and over in the past two weeks- please God- let my day be led by you- let me show YOUR LOVE to someone, anyone. It happens when we ask for it. It might be letting another person go in front on you at the grocery, not huffing when the waitress gets your order wrong, or as simple as sharing your smile. Your teeth don't have to be perfect- your love can still shine through.

HIS GRACE is sufficient. I will stop and live on purpose for him today. I will be refreshed in HIM today. Remember in your weakest moment he celebrates.....because then and only then can he be your strength!