

Heart to Heart

Devotional Thoughts for Women

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What Will I Wear?

Four hours into a ten hour road trip it hit me – I felt my heart drop into my stomach and I hit the panic button as the realization struck me that I had left ALL of my clothes back at home. Not just some of my outfits for this week-long trip but all of them. I had a suitcase in the back of the car so you may be wondering how it is possible that I had none of my clothes with me. Read on and I shall enlighten you.

My daughter and I were scheduled to travel to North Carolina to set up and work a booth for our books at a home-school book fair. We were going to be gone about a week, so I had carefully planned my outfits for each day, ironing them all ahead of time. I wear skirts or dresses every day so naturally after ironing all of these, I didn't want them to get wrinkled. Since I have a tiny closet I share with my husband, hanging them in there was not an option to keep said clothing wrinkle-free. My solution was to hang them all up in my daughter's room. She has one of those laundry hooks on the outside of one closet door which made a very convenient place for me to hang all of my ironed articles of clothing. The suitcase (which wasn't very large) held all of my shoes, pajamas, jewelry and um, unmentionables.

The morning we were set to leave, my daughter and I rolled out our suitcases and loaded them up along with plenty of snacks, water bottles, and our shower bags. Into the van we hopped, and away we went...as all of my clothes still hung on the laundry hook in her room.

When the realization hit me in the car and I told my daughter, all I could think of was the need to call my husband – and share my panic with him. Of course, he wasn't nearly as panicked as I was; in fact, he wasn't panicked at all. Sympathetic, yes, panicked, no. As I asked him what I was going to do, he was ready with helpful suggestions: first, he suggested I call my mother and see if I could borrow some of her clothes. That might have worked if we were the same size, but alas, we are not. Then he suggested that my

mother could call some of her friends at church who were my size and try to borrow some of their clothes. That was not the answer I was looking for. Finally, he told me to just go and buy whatever I needed and it would all be okay. Yes! That was the answer I was looking for. When we reached our destination, I was able to go and purchase a few items that got me through that trip. And while I was thankful for the new clothes, I don't suggest going about obtaining them in that way!

The Bible has quite a lot to say about what we wear. It contains plenty of instruction as to what we should and should not put on.

- I couldn't wear my mother's clothes because they wouldn't fit; there are things we shouldn't wear as Christians because they are not fitting for us. Colossians 3:8 says, *“But now you must put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”* (NKJV) We can't wear these things because they don't fit a Christian, no matter how we may try to stretch, pull, and make them work. God says not to wear them. They do not fit us.
- I really didn't want to borrow someone else's clothes; I wanted to wear my own. As a Christian, we can't borrow someone else's spiritual life and slip into it, thinking God will see us clothed in it. It doesn't matter if my husband is a preacher, my father an elder, one of my relatives a missionary, etc. The Lord will be looking at *me* to see if I am clothed with *“garments of salvation”* and wrapped in *“a robe of righteousness.”* (Isaiah 61:10) My own garments—not borrowed from someone else.
- I needed something to wear so I had to have something new. When we die to our old selves of sin and become new creations in Christ, we are given plenty of new clothes. We put on Christ in baptism. Galatians 3:27 tells us, *“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”* Colossians 3:12 gives us a whole list of things we are to wear: *“As the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering.”* And Ephesians 6:11 encourages us to wear the armor of God. *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*

I was momentarily gripped with panic on that road trip, wondering what I would wear for the next week. It couldn't be clothes that didn't fit or were borrowed, but the solution was in obtaining something new. As a Christian, I don't have to wonder what I will wear. The Lord has picked my clothes out for me. I cannot wear worldly, sinful things that are not fitting for me or try to dress myself in borrowed righteousness. Instead, I have put on Christ, and He is what I will wear every day. ~Heather Pryor

Ladies Bible Class – May 25th at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing a study on prayer titled “Unto Thee, O Lord.” (Yellow folders) Read and do the **July** assignments before class. Please bring your Bible and a breakfast item to share.

Search the Scriptures

“Putting Off & Putting On”

1. “And that you put on the _____ which was _____ according to God, in _____ and true _____.” (Ephesians 4:24)
2. “...Let us _____ the works of _____, and let us put on the _____ of _____.” (Romans 13:12)
3. “That you put off, concerning your former _____, the old _____ which grows _____ according to the _____.” (Ephesians 4:22)

Answers to Last Month's Quiz

“Hiding from God”

1. “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.” (Hebrews 4:13)
2. “Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him? says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 23:24)
3. “There is no darkness nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.” (Job 34:22)
4. “For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.” (Jeremiah 16:17)

RECIPE CORNER

"She...provides food for her household." ~Prov. 31:15

FRESH ORANGE SCONES

- 1/3 cup sugar
- zest of one large orange
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup butter, chilled firm
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 large egg

Orange Glaze:

- 3 T. butter, melted
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2-4 T. freshly squeezed orange juice

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In a separate small bowl, whisk sour cream and egg together until smooth. Set aside. In a large bowl, stir together sugar and orange zest until sugar is moistened. Add the flour mixture and stir to combine. Grate the chilled butter into the flour mixture. Use your hands to work the butter in until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Gently stir in sour cream and egg mixture until just combined. Do not overmix! Gently form dough into a ball. Divide the dough in half and pat out two 5-inch circles about 3/4 inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Use a pizza cutter or sharp knife to cut each circle into eight equal wedges. Gently transfer each wedge onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Leave about a one inch space in between them. Bake in a 400 degree oven for about 15 minutes or until tops are slightly golden brown. Cool on pan for about 10 minutes before transferring to wire rack. Yield: 16 scones

Glaze: Stir together melted butter, confectioner's sugar, vanilla and orange juice until smooth. Drizzle on top of completely cooled scones.