

Networking Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Happy New Year to all of you! Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? The media is full of less than encouraging statistics that proclaim two facts: most people do make these resolutions and by the 15th of the month, the majority of us are defeated and have broken the promises we've made to ourselves. I find these statistics discouraging. While I'm just as prone to fail at grand resolutions as anyone else, I'm very glad that there are many promises in Scripture that replace the culture of "self improvement" with rock solid truth:

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength"

Philippians 4:13

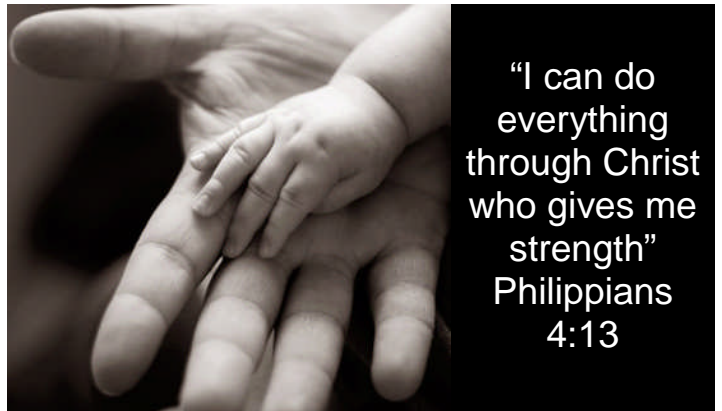
NLT is clear, and sometimes so familiar to us that we take the truth found in the verse for granted. Christianity is counter cultural - I can't do anything on my own, rather, I'm completely dependent on Christ filling me with His strength. Better yet, He grants grace and mercy so that each day I can begin again fresh and unburdened by yesterday! With this in mind, this month I've

resolved to focus on one verse of scripture:

"Surround me with Your tender mercies, for your instructions are my delight." Psalm 119: 77 NLT

Next month, I'll let you know how this focus has helped me keep some of my personal resolutions for more than a few days! I'd like to suggest that you choose a scripture to anchor you during the next few weeks, as well. Try it as an experiment. See how God will use the power of His word to impact your daily life!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Chotka



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The beginning of a new calendar year is a great time to take stock and evaluate the effectiveness of ministry. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the Network that the Western Canadian District has established for ministry wives, we need your help. By completing this short survey (attached) and forwarding it to the District office at office@cmawdo.org. Your feedback will be used to improve our care for ministry wives in the Western Canadian District and to set the future direction for Networking.

Your responses will be kept confidential.