



your *HUG-IN-A-MUG*

On new Grounds ☺

ARE WE COVID 'ed ???

or COVER 'ed?

***Hebrews 9:12... he entered once for all into the holy places,
not by the blood of goats and calves
but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.***

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COVID~19 has indeed been a time to dwell on His Truth, Mercy, and Promises.

As I leafed through my Bible to the Hebrews 9 theme I had chosen for June, I was not all that surprised to find it all marked up and underlined, "Redemption Through the Blood of Christ." Once more in the early dawn, the Holy Spirit had led me to where we all need to be in this summer month....of JUNE~2020

We are compelled to rest in the heavenly assurance, reassured most of the days, that this has now become our mission goal, with hearts to show, by our behavior, neighboring, witnessing, prayer time, concentration, simple acts of kindness to perhaps unbelieving neighbors, that we daily have a heavenly Father watching over us, safe under the cover of His Grace, with words and scripture to get us through the day with our eyes on our Heavenly home, when and only then, He is ready to take us home.

Whisper this popular, old soap opera title, "How the World Turns." Now say, "How the World Changed!" Hmmm, both phrases have the same meter...four words **telling it all**. FACT: Our world is turning, churning, prayerfully CHANGING, and after three months nowyearning for a true and deeper sense of normality! Scream! Go ahead, if you haven't yet. It's o.k.; it is normal. Isolation and distancing has crept in under the guise of a "new normal," while the heart yearns for the good old days. It is sad, tragic in most cases, and an inner yearning that psychologists assure us: {yearn: to desire and aspire to a feeling that makes you all the more normal.}

Early on in these past months, a writer friend of mine shared with me a brief video by an inspirational speaker of how she gets through these "covered days" keeping an "attitude of gratitude" Journal. Reflecting at the end of some often tough days and our rearranged routines, listing simple key words of where the bright spots or moments of JOY sneak in at brief intervals. Starting my own, it really has carried me on, bringing me to the ***Psalm 103: He saves my life from the grave and loads me with love and mercy. He satisfies me with good things and makes me young again, like an eagle.*** Somehow, at the end of a tough day, while dinner simmers, I take that time to find bits of JOY, and JOY lifts our soul in the sundown of each and every day.

Will we ever know how our response, reaction, words or gestures ever touched someone else, miles away, or just down the street? Perhaps the mission field is right here, right now. The soup we dropped off to a neighbor a block away, after meeting her walking her wee dog one day, reminding her as she walked faithfully

on her prosthetic left leg {from a wicked motorcycle accident a few years back,} what a witness she is to us? To just get out and get some fresh air?

Whatever our innocent witness of how we are handling this strange new world of ours, with no dress rehearsal, has forced to pause a moment and think: A truly great way to focus on, reflect upon, and write down, and mail to, or call immediately.... is to let some sister, who has been large in your lifetime, KNOW how much her friendship and continued prayers of uplifting mean to you!

Sending you all some key words to light up your new days, those with no dress rehearsal.

Respectfully Yours, Pat Reck, Leader Development Chairman

**JOY~LOVE~TRUST~WISDOM~HOPE~PEACE~REST~GRACE~MERCY
~LIGHT~ FAITHFULNESS~COURAGE~ ☺**