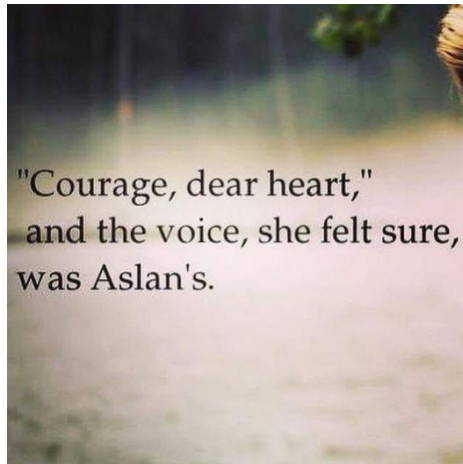


"Meanderings & Musings"

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Wow....we've been given a gift! Another day to embrace and live to the full. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, all that is within me, bless His holy name." (Psalm 103:1)

This morning I'm thinking about a quote I came across from a book by C.S. Lewis called; "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"

(I loved the movie) 😊 Anyway.....Lucy and the others are on a ship heading into dark, unknown waters. Everyone is scared and worried that Aslan has led them in the wrong direction. And Lucy, as she circles the mast hears a faint voice; "Courage, dear heart." And by the tone of the voice she KNOWS, that it's Aslan.

I'm realizing that it takes courage to wake up each morning, to enter each day and look for things to be grateful for. Right? The apostle Paul while he was in prison, actually said: "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8) Because we know, that any given day's news headlines will tell us that's going to take some effort, some nerve, and courage to make it through the day! "Courage, dear heart."

So.....as we continue to walk out these days, following our Jesus, maybe we're a bit confused or maybe we're just not sure where we're to go in life..... KNOW that God is there. He is the one bringing encouragement, guiding us, and watching over us. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13:5) And, let's tune our ears to listen and hear God's voice in the stillness of our days. In the midst of all life, like Lucy, let's recognize God's voice speaking to us. Lewis says it like this; Aslan's voice washes over her like a, "delicious smell breathed on her face."

I'm reminded that I, we, have two voices that run through our brains, ours and God's. Here's the difference between the two; God's voice will always, always, match up to what He says in Scripture, which is pure, perfect and true. Our thinking can be cloudy and self-seeking in so many ways. For today...let's listen to God's voice and not our own. One day at a time. That's what God gives. Live it to the full. 😊

1 Chronicles 28:20 says this, "And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."

So, take "courage, dear heart", and listen to God's voice in your life.