

As I sit to write this my heart is overwhelmed with the blessings of God and the privilege it is to serve the King and Savior of the world. I am packing to go to the Dominican to share God's love with His people there and to see how God is at work in another part of the world. I am also a little overwhelmed with the need of our world.

I learned today of 10 men who have been called to serve God and plant churches and who hope to have enough to eat one meal a day. I learned this week of a nine-year-old girl who lost her life to cancer and the grief of her parents and friends. I talked to some parents who are grieving at the rebellion of one of their children and the hurt and pain in their lives. I got a call from a friend who is grieving at the dissension in their church family and the leaving of their pastor.

I realize that if the opportunity ahead of us is as great as it is in going to the DR, I need the God of the Universe to go ahead of me and prepare the way. I realize that when things can seem a little crazy and out of control that I need the God of the Universe to give me the words to say to help the grieving hearts. If we will stop and think about it, we can't do this without the greatness and majesty of our God Almighty!!!

If you have been considering sharing your faith in Christ with a co-worker or considering changing jobs or wanting to start a Bible study, it can seem overwhelming. Despite what our world teaches us, we are completely and wholly dependent on Jesus Christ. Without His strength we are easily deterred from doing what we are called to do, it seems like more than we can handle.

Lately, I have really just been thinking so much about how much I need God. Sometimes I don't act like it, sometimes I won't acknowledge it, sometimes I ignore it, but I am completely and wholly dependent on God. I pray that God would overwhelm you with your need for Him as well. It is a great place to be, knowing that you have a God who loves you and wants the best for you and being completely dependent on Him!!!

I pray that you will take the time to stop and consider how much you need the love, mercy, and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May you feel His presence as you stop, listen, and lean on Him.

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