

Verse of the Month Devotional

September

But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief,
To repay it by Your hand.
The helpless commits himself to You;
You are the helper of the fatherless.
Psalm 10:14 NKJV

Thoughts on the verse:

So many times through our foster care journey, I remember feeling INVISIBLE. I felt my loneliness, pain, anxiety and burdens were all UNSEEN. I remember sitting on the edge of my bed just crying, "God, where are Your people?!" I was begging Him to send someone who could help me, even just someone to hear me. I had never felt so alone and so misunderstood. God did answer my prayers and my cries, though not in the ways I would have thought. He met me in that room through my tears and showed me all the other families in our church and in our community that had gone through foster care or adoption. He showed me broken and hurting families, social workers and business friends who walked with broken lives daily. And I had done nothing. I didn't feel condemnation, because I knew I had been unaware. But it did put me in my place and give me some perspective that some of the roads He wants us to take are just plain lonely. And it gave me a fire and a light to DO SOMETHING about it for those who come after me. So when I say, "So will I," I am saying that I will do the things I have seen my Father do: I will be the helper of the Fatherless.

Prayer:

Lord, I THANK YOU that you see all the hurt and pain and trouble in this world. I thank You that You promise to walk with us through those times. I thank You that You promise us that this world is not the END of our journey; only a small part. Help me to SEE Your people in their hurt and trouble, and give me wisdom to know HOW I can help. That it may not always be natural or physical, but that You will guide and direct me even in prayer and quiet answers. Thank You that You have given me a hope and a future and a purpose, and that You are with me in dark times and joyful moments alike.

Action:

This month I will commit to SEEING the people in my world who are broken and hurting and troubled. I will spend time trying to piece together what their lives are like in prayer, and ask the Lord for ways I can help. Maybe flowers and chocolates and bath bombs for a single mom, or a gift card for a young married couple that needs

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some TLC. Maybe it's a social worker who carries unspeakable images in her mind and heart that needs a card or letter or coffee delivered to her. Maybe it's more? If you're ready, ask the Lord for the big, brave prayers: "God, whatever You say, whatever You show me, I will do it." Actually, even if you're NOT ready, I dare you to pray it anyway. Watch God change your world and your life so much more than anything else or anyone else. Not that gift cards or flowers are NOT big things, because every act of obedience is TRULY powerful, but just that you are willing to take the blinders off your eyes to SEE through the window that God shows you, and you follow Him to the place in the journey that He goes, saying, "So will I," every step of the way.

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