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the grace of God. He always places in our lives the things we need to keep us going. i have a friend like that. in fact, several, but for now i mention this one. she is such a blessing and an inspiration. she maintains a constant attitude of thankfulness. her constant optimism and positive attitude keeps me reminded of how i need to be. she is now enthused about her coming garden and flowers. we should all appreciate the simple things and times free of crises life brings. too often we get lulled into complacency and don't appreciate the times of respite the Lord allows us. these are the times of refreshing from the Lord.

recollection has me now thinking of little children and a recent thing i read. i am now going to quote from a recent writing i received. these are not my words but we all speak to the glory of God.

Now when you were a child, your parents bought you clothes. Most of the time they bought you clothes that were a few sizes too large because they knew you were growing and you would fit into them eventually.

Believers do that too! They start out their walk going for the heights, searching for their calling and aspiring to fulfill the Great Commission. But many believers after they mess up, or don't see all they hope to see, they start lowering their expectations.

But your calling does not shrink, never. He is waiting for you to rise to it. Rise to your calling. Don't give

up the calling, give up the doubt. Believe what God's plans are for your future. Believe a few sizes bigger than you are. Believe you will become a person of victory, of righteousness, a person of the Spirit, of joy, of purity, of unstoppable love, walking in the power of the resurrection, because God will only give you a calling that is perfectly tailored a few sizes too big.

can we grow into what God sees in each of us. don't give up the calling, give up the doubt! what a powerful statement and testament to the power of faith. keep knowing that God can even use those stumbles and missteps we make. they did not take Him by surprise. He knew about them before we even made them. there is no defeat in God. there is no failure. all we have to do is keep the faith and give Him our best.

i repent of feeling down yesterday. the only time we fall short is when we entertain the thoughts the enemy would feed us. throw them back at him.

i got up early this morning and spent some time with the Lord. i don't know if my prayers of tears do more with God or not. i often think He gets tired of watching me cry but there is so much pain and suffering in the world. so many fellows in this walk who need our prayers, and even our tears.

we must let our little candle bring light to the darkness. and from our flame others may light their torch. as others share their light, more will be lit. it's like that tiny, single seed that produces much. if we will just light that one candle, plant that one

seed, God will do the multiplying.

we must not let our hearts settle into acceptance of how things are. we must be believing for the days of His power and glory. the kind where His Spirit dominates for weeks after that initial visit. i was listening to mario marrillo last night and he was talking about that. the Spirit dominated for weeks after his revival in new york was over. yes, hardened new yorkers are hungry for the manifestation of God too. i think many who believe they are hardened would be melted into submission by just a word.

will we be ready to speak that word? will we light that candle or plant that seed. may we all live in such a way that His glory will linger after we have departed. moses had to cover his face so the people would not see the glory fading. if we stay in His presence, it will never fade.

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