

Sister to Sister 2010

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"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10



Letting God's Spirit lead me on level ground has been a journey. I often start out by asking God to guide me and let His will be done, but then I interject my own wisdom and opinions. I have found myself praying, "God, let this work out for me because I want it so badly." I use God like a magic genie who grants my wishes, rather than a sovereign God who rules the universe in love and desires spiritual redemption on my behalf. I make my requests to God based on my own wisdom rather than praying for His will to be done in my life. I often forget that He knows what is best and will give me what is best.

As I practice the art of surrendering to God, I am learning that there is great freedom to be found in submitting my will to His. When I submit, the pressure is off of me to do and say the right things. My apprehensions are shattered when I realize that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."

In 2010, my goal is to be quiet and let God be God; to let God lead me; to let His way be my way; and to let my life simply be a vessel for God to work in the lives of those around me.

"In him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Eph 2:22).

*"Lord God,
Show me how to let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Show me how to kill the desires of my flesh and let your desires fill me.
Lord God, you know me better than I know myself. You formed my inward parts and made me in your image. You, God, know the path that is best for me.
You know what I need. You know what to withhold from me. You know my requests before they leave my lips. You know the joys of my heart and the pains of my heart.
I praise you for being such an awesome God. I invite you into my life and pray that you lead me today to your Glory. It is through the son, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen."*