

Thought for the Day

Lots of people have been gardening, decorating, creating and learning new skills. Initially I thought I'd be able to get so much completed during lockdown too. I don't know why I thought that my character and circumstances would suddenly change overnight?! There's still work, cooking, cleaning, entertaining of kids, home schooling and squabbles to referee, so some days work out better than others and I'm okay with that. Even Melody who's eight has started talking about giving each other a little slack 'in these strange days'!

Over the last few days, I've begun to reminisce about the words that people have prayed over me, and the hopes and dreams that I've hidden in my heart. Some of them have come true already – like us living in this house, marrying John, having children (many of you prayed for us and rejoiced in our miracle of Millie!) Other dreams feel like they lay dormant and I wonder how on earth they could ever possibly happen, let alone if I've heard right!

So, instead of learning a new skill or craft, I've been bringing my hopes and dreams afresh to Jesus. I've been asking Him to show me how they're possible and what part I should play in bringing my faith to the table. You see, I don't particularly believe in receiving something and letting it sit in a box. I think that we have an active part to play – just as we so often do in our relationships, it's the same with Jesus. He wants us to partner with Him. For instance, when Elijah heard the sound of rain during the drought (heard it in his spirit), he didn't just say thank you and wait for the rain to come, it says *1 Kings 18:44Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees*. So, even though the Word of the Lord had come (he heard the rain), it was important to not be passive, but to press in.

Today I was blown away by God. Mil said to me, "You know that sometimes you feel like God is telling you to do something? I think I need to pray for you right now Mum – can I lay hands on you?" Pretty good so far! "God, I pray that you would open up new ways of creativity for Mum to share the gospel, that she'd have fun with you, because you're fun". Mil had no idea that she'd prayed right into the bullseye of one of my dreams!!

Why not take a moment and thank God for promises fulfilled and ask Him to breathe afresh and quicken to your memory anything that's lay dormant?

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4

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