

# Reflections

*"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe"*



*- St. Augustine -*

"Jesus said, did I not tell you and PROMISE you that if you would believe and rely on Me, you would see the glory of God?"

Believing is the quickest way to simplify your life. Fear, doubt, unbelief and over-reasoning complicates life, but the ability to believe removes them all. Little children simply believe what you tell them. If a child is told he is getting a new pair of shoes on Saturday, he doesn't worry all week about whether or not it will really happen. He just looks forward to Saturday. We should be the same way in our relationship with the Lord.

Having faith and confidence that God will provide isn't always easy. Unfortunately, there isn't always a "belief button" to push to insure you will never experience doubt again. It's a growing process and the attitude you need to have while waiting is just like that little child--"Saturday is coming." Instead of giving up and getting frustrated, realize we receive the promise of God by faith and patience. Keep talking about the promise, not the problem. All the negative emotions we experience

are just some of the things that complicate our lives. We don't have to get upset while we are waiting; we can choose to remain expectant and joyful. We can take the simple approach and simply believe.

The next time you feel life is so complicated you want to scream, start saying out loud "I believe, God!" You only have to turn to His Word to find promises assuring that He will never leave you or forsake you; promises that He is the source of every comfort and encouragement.

He is the source of every comfort and encouragement. So hold to those promises and say with conviction "I believe, God." Believing has an amazing effect on the soul. When you feel upset, check your belief level....are there negative emotions? God keeps telling us to simplify, simplify, simplify. Believe and be ready to receive.



## HYMN:

### **"He Has Never Failed ME Yet"**

When I travel the pathway, so rugged and steep,  
When I pass thro the valley so dark and so deep,  
And when snares for my soul by my foes  
have been set,  
Jesus never has failed me yet.  
He never has failed me yet,  
He never has failed me yet

I have proven Him true; What He says, He will do

**HE NEVER HAS FAILED ME YET**

## TIPS & TRICKS

### *Plant Bulbs Now for Beautiful Spring Gardens*

Longing to create a gorgeous spring garden? Fall is the ideal time to lay the foundation by planting bulbs. Popular spring bulbs such as tulips, crocuses, daffodils, and hyacinths need fall and winter to prepare for spring blooms.

#### *Fall Bulb Planting Tips*

Plant when the soil temperature is cool. "Ideally, the soil's temperature should be between 50–55 degrees," says Susanne Woodell, Biltmore's landscape manager.

Plant bulbs in a sunny location in a hole that is six inches deep. Make sure the tip of the bulb faces upwards. For the most impact, dig wide holes and place multiple bulbs in one hole. "Grouping bulbs in one hole creates a bigger visual impact because the blooms are closer together," says Susanne.

#### **Homemade Glass Cleaner Recipe**



Mix in a sprayer bottle:

- \* 1 cup rubbing (isopropyl) alcohol
- \* 1 cup water
- \* 1 tablespoon white vinegar

#### **Furniture Polish Recipe**

Mix in a sprayer bottle:

- \* 1 cup olive oil
- \* 1/2 cup lemon juice

Shake well and apply a small amount to a flannel cleaning rag or cleaning cloth. Spread evenly over furniture surface. Turn cloth to a dry side and polish dry.

Source: <http://organizedhome.com>

## Caramel Popcorn Balls

- 28 caramels
- 2 TBL water
- 1 TBL corn syrup added (optional)
- 2 quarts salted, cooked popcorn

Combine caramels and water in a double boiler, melt, adding corn starch if needed.

Pour mixture over popcorn, toss, shape into balls

Our recipes are designed specifically to fit into a typical 3 x 5 inch recipe box. Simply print on card stock and cut out.



Source: [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DRESSBARN DIVAS



## HOLIDAY TEA

Ladies, Christmas is just around the corner. Plan now for an evening gathering in the FLC on Dec 1. There will be 12 tables of 10 seats. We would like 12 women to host a table. The host will decorate the table however she desires. The host will provide her own dishes, silverware, beverage glasses. The host can be elegant and use fine china, or be casual and use paper plates. She might use holiday tableware and be as creative as she desires. We will not only enjoy a time of food



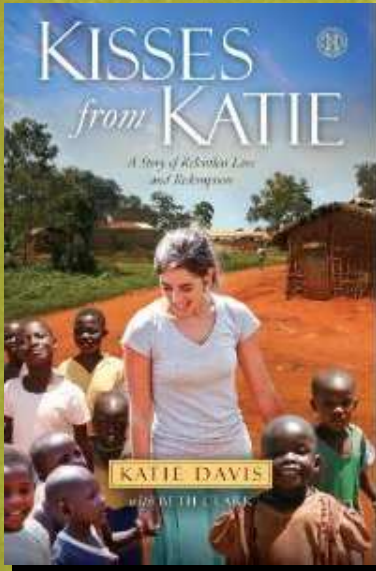
and fellowship, but we'll also enjoy seeing the different creative tables. Currently we have three women who have offered to host. How about you??? Please call Chardell (815-933-0072) to host. There is a Holiday Tea sign-up sheet at the North Commons welcome counter. If you're interested in attending and/or bringing a friend please sign up.

The Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene Women have been personally invited back to the *Dressbarn* in Orland. Alice Cruz, the manager, asked if we'd come again. Her staff have talked about that night so many times, & what fun they had with us. So, let's gather once again in the church parking lot on November 17 at 6:00 PM. We'll just load up in cars and go. Once we're done shopping we'll go for dessert.

Call me if you're interested, so I can give Alice a head count. Isn't it nice to know, even when we are silly and being girly, we make a positive impression on another?



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- ◆ Watch the making of a magazine bead necklace by a Karimojong woman in Amazima's vocational program.
  - ◆ <http://youtu.be/OkOF7SJnPP8>
- ◆ Katie Davis, founder of Amazima, talks a little bit about her story and what they are doing in Uganda.
  - ◆ <http://youtu.be/jGyYsA62CxY>
- ◆ To sponsor a child through Amazima, go to:
  - ◆ <http://www.amazima.org>



Source: <http://amazima.org>

## Gifts That Keep Giving

There's a new book out entitled, "*Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption.*" It's the true story of an amazing young woman, Katie Davis, who has literally transformed thousands of lives in Uganda over the past four years. Oh, did I mention that Katie is just now 22 years old?

Katie started a ministry at the age of 18 and now this ministry, Amazima, sends 400 orphaned children to a Christian school through an education sponsorship program. These children receive three meals a day, school supplies, medical care, and spiritual discipleship.

They also feed lunch to over 1,600 children of the slum community of Masese every M-F. A majority of these children are from the Karimojong tribe. Amazima has also implemented self-sustaining vocational programs involving the local Karimojong women so the people can have the joy of providing for their own families. Women from the Karimojong tribe make Ugandan bead necklaces and sell them in the United States.



When you buy a piece of jewelry from Amazima, you directly support these women and provide her with a safe, stable income. All profits from Amazima's jewelry sales benefit these families in Masese who rely on Amazima for more than just food, Katie's ministry helps them with medical care, friendship and much more, but most importantly, she brings them to the feet of Jesus.

Make your Christmas shopping easy, order on-line and give the gift that keeps giving.