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GraceNotes from Nancy Kay Grace

an inspirational message for you

GRACE AND GRATITUDE

Recently I was in an airport bookstore waiting for a delayed flight. Since the crowds and continual announcements usually distract my concentration in airports, I find myself scanning titles of magazines and books instead of picking up a newspaper.

One book title intrigued me. It was called Thank You Power. Interesting--- someone wrote a book from a secular point of view about the wisdom of expressing thanks. I was challenged to become more aware of being thankful.

My husband and I were en route to Ireland. When the jet landed, I was thankful for the safe journey, thankful that we recognized the person who was picking us up, and thankful for the opportunity to see Ireland and minister there.

The next day, while we were wandering the streets of Dublin trying to find to a particular small museum, we got increasingly frustrated with the number of roundabouts and curvy roads. After walking around the same block a second time, we spotted a small Christian bookshop and decided to step into it to collect our thoughts.

"Hello, how are you today?" I asked the clerk, rubbing my hands for warmth.

"I am blessed," she said with a delightful Irish accent and peaceful smile.

Her gentle spirit prompted an attitude adjustment in me.

In the background, I heard the music of a familiar praise song:

"Thank you for the cross, Lord, thank for your nail pierced hands..."

The message made its way into my weary heart.

The lyrics, coupled with the clerk's kind welcome, refreshed my spirit and erased the previous frustration.

We stayed in the shop long enough to hear the entire song. The brief respite was an oasis out of the city traffic and the confusion of trying to find our way. We left refocused and thankful for the attitude adjustment.

Daylight was ending; dusk was upon us. We'd walked all afternoon, and never did find the little museum that day. However, at the end of that block there was a large cathedral. We figured there was enough time to see it before it closed. We entered St. Patrick's Cathedral, the national Cathedral of Ireland.

The Gothic architecture impressed us. But what made it more special was hearing the sound of classical music from the pipe organ as we toured. The sights of the ancient sanctuary and the melodies of the organ blended to create within me a heart of thanksgiving.

The afternoon held several treasures of grace and gratitude for me. The first treasure of grace was in thanksgiving through a familiar contemporary praise song in a bookshop when we were a little lost. The second was the unexpected blessing of hearing the reverent music of the pipe organ in an ancient church.

Each treasure of grace yielded gratitude in my heart.
Psalm 106:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
Yes, his love endures forever, even longer than ancient cathedrals.
He is good and we can find our way.
His love endures forever and we can give thanks.

It is my prayer that each day you open your eyes to see the grace of God's love around you, and cultivate a heart of gratitude.
That is authentic "thank you power."

---BOOK NEWS---

I am thankful to announce the blessing of being included in another book. This one is *The One Year Life Verse Devotional*, published by Tyndale. It is 365 devotionals written by a variety of people who write about the impact of the Word of God of their lives.

My devotional, "A New Reflection" is about my life verse, 2 Corinthians 5:17.

If you are interested in purchasing an autographed copy, please send a check for \$15 to me at 3956 Chevalier Ave, Springdale, AR 72762.

If you order 3 or more of any of my book titles, each book is \$12.

As a bonus to you, there is no shipping charge through the end of the year.

Please see the attachment for info on the other books.

A portion of my personal book sales is donated to World Vision.

FYI---This email address is the one I use for writing and speaking. We still have the rlgkkg712@cox.net address.

Sharing a Touch of His Grace,

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Refined By Fire: Defining Moments of Phenomenal Women
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