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GARDENING

I love this time of the year! Flowers are in full bloom and the local farmers are harvesting fresh vegetables. This is also the season for fresh fruit. . . . watermelons, strawberries, blueberries, peaches. Is your mouth watering yet! Jesus talked about fruit. John 15:5-8, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

For those of you who garden, you are aware of how much work goes into the process of flowers and produce. There’s the planting, fertilizing, weeding, watering, pruning and harvesting. I personally love the weeding and watering. Sometimes when I’m watering, I think about Isaiah 58 where the Word says that if we choose the fast that He calls us to. . . . to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and that you break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him; verse 11 says that we will be like a “watered garden.” Weeds and vines can come up, it seems like, overnight. If pulled up before the root system gets entrenched deeply, they are

easy to pull up. But if left alone, it takes more effort to pull them up and the weeds can crowd and choke out the beautiful garden so quickly. Think about the “weeds” that are in our hearts. Our hearts are like gardens and Jesus is the master gardener. If we give Him permission to pull up all the “weeds”, He so gently tends His garden, our hearts.

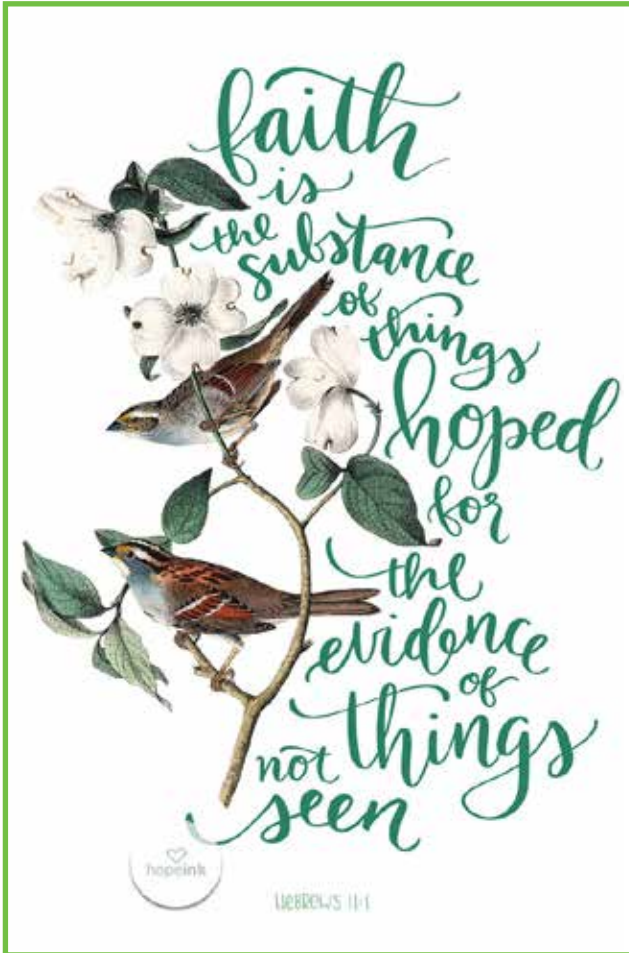
I have some blueberry bushes in my back yard. There is a beautiful vine close by and if I neglect the blueberry bush, the vine will completely take over the bush to the point that I can hardly see the blueberries. Even though the vine is pretty. . . . I’d rather have the blueberries! I think about the vines (entanglements) that can wrap around our hearts so quickly. These entanglements come from the cares and worries of this world and left unattended, they will choke out the “good fruit” of our lives. If we are alert and listening to the “master gardener”, He will show us the vines and weeds. Colossians 3:2-3, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

Remember, John 15 where Jesus said that He is the “true vine”. . . . let’s ask Him to totally wrap Himself around us and He will bring forth much fruit as we yield to Him and we will bring glory our Father!

I love and appreciate you all!
Rhonda Grace



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We are so excited to be serving lunches again! Thank you to all the volunteers for your help prepping these to go meals to feed those in need. We are truly grateful for you!!



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