



Daughter of the King

FCC of Katy Women's Retreat 2010

Women Who Change the World

There are *women* who make things *better*...simply by showing up. There are women who make things *happen*. There are *w♥men* who make their way. There are women who *make a difference*. And women who make us *smile* 😊 There are *w★men* of *wit* and *wisdom* who - through *st*rength and *courage* - make it through. There are women who *change the world* every day...*women* like *YOU*.

- Written by Ashley Rice

COUNTDOWN
TO
GONZALES:

Months 3 Days 17

Memo Board:

The DEADLINE to register for Retreat is September 5th – get registered today!

We are in need of 4 retreat volunteers; please contact me to participate in an extra special way!

In HIS Love. Jennifer

Big Girls DO Cry

A lump formed in my throat as I began to draft this month's newsletter. See, I started to think about all the beautiful Sistas who will **not** be joining us this year in Gonzales.

It started with the undeniable fact that Judy left for Scotland. Now, no one can blame her, who wouldn't go to Scotland, but Judy – the fearless Founder of Retreat – will not be in Gonzo in November for the first time EVERY!

And then there is Cookie, whose message last year opened our hearts just a little wider to our PHENOMENAL God. Our Cookie (and yes, she is OUR Cookie) who has been called with Rev. Dave to another church home – she won't be in Gonzo, either!

I began to rack-up quite a list of Sistas who would be missing and the reality of them not being at Retreat this year, has me a little choked-up. And I'm sure I'm not the only one!

I began to think about Naomi, and Orpah, and Ruth. As women, they had a special bond and where distraught when it seemed they had to part ways. In fact, the Bible said that they wept, kissed, and clung to each other. *We've all been there at some point in our lives*, knowing that this was the path we must take – away from our friends, away from our family, away from the safety we so often find in routine, day-to-day life. **But knowing it is time to go or time to let go doesn't make it any easier.**

Big girls do cry! We cry tears of sorrow and of pain. We cry tears of joy and of happiness. Big girls cry tears of grief and of gladness. And sometimes, we cry all those tears at once.

Big girls do cry – and that's okay! Because I know that I'm not alone. I know that I'm not the only big girl crying...

Lord, thank you for the blessing of friends who, by sharing their lives with us, double our joy and halve our sorrows. Help me to cherish the friends you've given me (and will give me) and to become the kind of friend others will cherish: a women who listens, encourages, and keeps confidences; a women who knows how to laugh and how to cry...In Jesus' name, Amen. – A. Spangerl & J. Syswerda



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