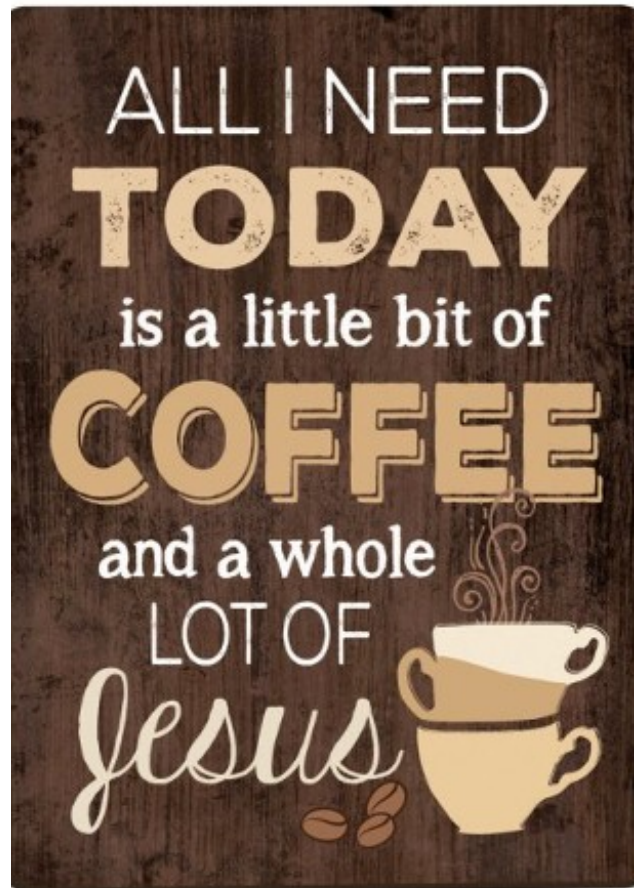




This week I want to share something that God has kept reminding me of over the past year especially. "Jesus is all I need." That statement has given me so much peace through my life but for some reason in the last year this has been reinforced by God for me. Knowing that, "Jesus is all I need," has been like an anchor for me during those down times. The reason I wanted to share this with you all is because we all need to remember that no matter what is happening in our lives, we can depend on Jesus. He is all we need! In my life I have found myself in some overwhelming situations in the past; some of them I never thought I could recover from. I made some mistakes that made me feel that I had totally derailed my future and made me believe I had totally lost my way. During times like this I would often look for comfort in other people. What I discovered was that it didn't help. I realized that I was actually putting a load on them that they didn't need. So, as a last resort it seemed I turned the Bible, which of course should have been my first port of call. I started to read the story about the woman with the issue of blood who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. I had read this before but that day the story really grabbed hold of me and caught my attention like it never had before. God was opening my mind that day

to the fact that I was trying to fix everything instead of giving it to Jesus to take care of. I the story about this woman we find that Jesus was surrounded by hundreds of people that day and countless numbers of people had to have touched Jesus but only one received healing from Him, the woman with the issue of blood. For the first time I saw that the reason she received was because she came in faith and was determined not to leave the same way she came. Can you imagine her struggling and fighting her through the crowd? I can imagine she was stepped on, shoved to the side but her eyes were fixed on Jesus and she was going to get to Him by hook or by crook. Her faith drove her forward and all she wanted to do was touch the hem of His garment. It was at that moment I had my light bulb experience and it dawned on me that I hadn't the same faith of this woman. I wasn't relying on Jesus, I was too proud for that.



Of course believed that I could take care of what was happening but clearly that wasn't the case. I wasn't receiving from God because I wasn't going to Him in faith. It had not dawned on me that, "All I needed was Jesus." I decided there and then that I had to change my life and how I saw Jesus. I needed to start seeking after Jesus and to focus on Him and Him alone. I can tell you that my life changed so much when Jesus became my focus. God wants to remind you also of the simple but powerful lesson of faith from this story. "Jesus is all I need," and "Jesus is all you need." It doesn't matter how bad things are or how great the storms in your life are, Jesus is the answer. It doesn't matter how hot the sun is or how deep the valley is, We just have to start each day by fixing our eyes on Jesus. He will be there for you, always! That's a guarantee. There is nobody who can help you but God. When I stop and think and wonder, "What else do we really need?" No matter how low you sink, God will find you and lift you right back up. Let's just keep our eyes fixed on Him.