

## Women in Focus May 2008 Devotional

Focusing In . . .

“Let us make humanity in our image . . .” Genesis 1:26

The concept of the Trinity is a tough thing to get our minds and hearts around and yet right from the beginning of Genesis, that “we” is there – community within the whole. Let “us” make man and woman in “our” image. As I thought about how God loves us, it struck me how we are not simply loved by “One”, but we are loved by the “Three”. And in that, I began to see a new thing – that the way that God surrounds us with his love is not from a single point, but from a spectrum – a spray of light and love.

There is something misguided in that desire to find our “one true love”. Love can never come to us from one single point or source – it must come to us from all kinds of directions. If we seek to be totally fulfilled in the love of one person, we will be left wanting. No one – no single one can love us as we need to be loved. Similarly, God’s love is not a singular love that comes from a single point. It is not a feeling in our heart that we strive to find or a mind game that we play to believe we are loved. It is a surpassing love that comes at us from all different directions to surround and envelop us. God loves me through my wonderful spouse and my gracious mom and my beautiful children and my dear, dear friends and through the indwelling of his Spirit and through the face of his Son and through the incredible majesty and intricacies of his creation and from the loyal affection of my dog, and from a poem and through a song and in the smile of a perfect stranger and the kindness of a nurse and . . . well, you get the idea.

I have a weakness. I always want to be a “best friend”, the one who is there more than anyone else. I need to remember that I cannot be everything to one person, as no one person can be everything for me. My messiah complex, my need to be someone’s savior, has to be brought into check now and again. The Trinity is my reminder that love is not from the One but from the Three and thus my privilege is to be one of the many loves that will touch the heart of my friends and loved ones. As love is a spectrum of light that comes to me from so many places, so am I simply one part of another’s spectrum – a bit of greenish-gold in the rainbow of love that embraces them.

“May (we) together with all the saints, grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge . . .” Eph. 3: 18.19

By grace alone,

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