



Not long ago I was praying, well perhaps to be honest I was whining – but I was talking to God, so I would truly like to claim Prayer over whining... just sounds better doesn't it? My whining PRAYER... went something like this, "God I feel as though I am treading water, I so want to start swimming" Ever been there ?? Perhaps a recent move, job loss, a loss of a love one, – whatever event, your life has changed, and you are searching and praying that God will clearly show you what the next step.

God's answer to my whining PRAYER that morning was "Live in the moment, trust Me for the future". With tears that would not stop, I realized my moments were and continue to be incredible. I realized that God is writing the next chapter, He just has not shared it with me yet. I love the saying "Life is a journey, not a destination". When we step back and enjoy the journey, our lives are so exciting! Sometimes God may schedule a break, or perhaps He will chose another path – leaving us to say "Really God, I was getting very comfortable with the pace as it was". Oh, but He has so much more to teach us and to show us!!

I love that we all are in different stages of life; our lives are all so very different – yet we share the common bond of our love for Jesus. Galatians 2:20 says I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

When I think of this verse – my thoughts go to "it is no longer MY life, but Christ living in me" With all my heart, I believe that our life experiences are meant to be shared with others, many times when God has prompted me to share, it has not been comfortable, however every single time I have been obedient a connection was made, the life experience shared, encouraged the other person as they saw GOD's Hand in the situation.

I am so very excited to be a part of the Shady Ladies as we live life together in the SHADOW of the CROSS. I love that we love one another, pray together and share the amazing things God is doing in our lives. Looking forward to working beside each of you as we **reach in** and **reach out** sharing our journey with Jesus the Lover of our souls!

March 2 – we will be feeding the teachers and staff at Bettye Meyers Middle School

March 23 – we will be feeding the teachers and staff at Olive Stephens

If you are able, come help serve, I promise you will be blessed!

Cindy