



May 2009

The Word:

“Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?...and they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be that even the wind and the sea obey Him!” Mark 4:40-41

Prayer is the greatest gift we can give to anyone.

- Stormie Omartian

Upcoming Events

June 3: *Wrapping Love Around Others*

5-week study, discover how to wrap friends and loved ones in prayer while learning to quilt

Pilot class is limited to 12 people. No previous quilting experience or sewing machine necessary. Childcare will be provided.

September 2009:
7-Week Tools for Motherhood Study

Would this not be incredible! Here you are with an “ordinary” person (you are thinking) every day, eating, sleeping, passing time. Then a great storm comes and he wakes up, rebukes the storm and it gets calm... I remember reading this story to my preschool son years ago and turning the page to the next picture and seeing in full color the storm tossed sea calm and still. Oh, how at the time I wished Jesus could come into my storm tossed situation and bring calm to it. But dear friend He can! Notice the passage, when the disciples worried it got worse. They had not called for help yet. Remember God is a gentleman. He will not barge in... He waits until He is invited. When the disciples turned it over to Jesus He cared for their need and brought them peace..

Do you need help in a stormy situation? Go to God, in prayer, and invite Him, not only into the situation but to take over the situation. “When we release control to Him, we find peace.” (Maxwell Leadership Bible p1204.)

The Activity:

Before older children are home from school, prepare to have a few supplies on hand. With a little preparation before summer hits, it will help to make your stormy days when all your kids are home for the summer months a little more calm...

Here are some supplies you may pick up at the grocery store or discount store:

- bottle of bubbles (to play with in the evenings as you sit on the porch as a family)
- Sidewalk chalk (store in a pail with a handle for easy retrieval and clean-up)
- Bug net and magnifying glass (lightning bugs are fun to chase in the evening and place in a jar to look at up close with the magnifying glass)
- suntan lotion (for extended days playing in the yard with the sun shining),
- Water toys for a little pool or attach to the hose for the yard
- Perhaps an outdoor riding toy like a tricycle, or hot wheels.

Enjoy creating fun memories for your children as you weave some of these fun activities into their day.