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Psalm 19:1

Hello Friends of Rennerdale,

I hope you all are having a great week and enjoying the nice, sunny, and above freezing weather. I know I have been enjoying just simply being outside and enjoying God's beauty. I wanted to share with you how I have experienced God's beauty this week. Monday night, Josh and I went night fishing. Fishing is something both of us like to do. I don't know if it's the calmness of just patiently waiting for a fish, the smell of the creek or lake water, or just simply being with each other, but fishing is one of our favorite things to do as a couple. Josh does not like to admit this...but I'm the better fisherman out of the both of us. I caught 3 catfish, and Josh caught 2 trout. Yes, we had an amazing time together, and catching fish was great, but that was not the most beautiful thing that night. What really made this night memorable was the beautiful night sky. It was a cloudless night with many stars in the sky. The sky was so clear that you could see the stars reflecting off the water of the creek. I was truly reminded of the simple beauty that is in our world, which comes from God.

Psalm 19:1 states, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands"*. Psalm 19 is a psalm of praise, praise to God for everything He has done. This psalm marvels at God's creation and expresses the awe factor of God's gratefulness and care. When we look at God's creation, we are reminded of the unchanging beauty which was created by God, but also the splendor of His presence. We are in a time when things seem ugly, and unpleasant to look at, but that is the time where God's beauty truly shines through. Friends, when you see a beautiful sunset, a newly sprouted flower, a quiet rainfall, and even a beautiful starry night, I want you to be reminded of God's beauty. Be reminded that God is present, and sometimes we just need to take a step back and admire His beauty.

This week I give you all the challenge to simply be in God's beauty and creation. Forget about what is going on in the world, and take a break. If you can, go outside and sit on your porch, take a walk with your dog, look at the night sky, or even just sit in the quietness of nature. God is there, He is in His beautiful creation.

Have a great week friends!

Blessings,

Cassie