

Christian Life Notes

THANK YOU!

On a changeable letter sign, at the entrance of the driveway into a Middle School in Hillsboro, there are two words: WORDS MATTER. The words have been up there for at least two months. The W has fallen down and the O looks as though it could be descending to the ground most any time. Though the letters are not all there, the message is significant. The road that passes the school is heavily traveled. I have often wondered how many people read the sign and take it to heart. Hopefully the students at the school at least notice it and give it some thought.



Are there any words that you love to hear? “Hi Mom,” “Hi Grandma” are among my favorites. Do you have a special quote, message, story, or song that guides your thoughts or you treasure in your heart? Is there a voice you love to hear?

I sometimes ponder the Bible story in 1 Samuel 3, when the boy Samuel is called by the Lord.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say,

“Speak, LORD for your servant hears.” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:8-10).

Samuel was just a young boy who placed his trust in God, ready and willing to serve. We too have this same opportunity each and every day to rise and say, “Here I am, I will listen and trust in you Lord.” Along with trusting and listening we can give thanks. . . . *giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:20-21).*

Each year, as LWML conventions commence, one can be empowered by those who make the commitment to serve in whatever way God has called them. We are provided this wondrous opportunity to gather and extend our thanks.

Thank You Lord for Your boundless love.
Thank You for Your guiding Word as I learn to listen. Thank You for being my Savior!

Thank you, my LWML Sisters and Brothers for your willingness to serve! Thank you to all who have already served and may still be serving! We are BOUND together by God’s grace.

In Christ’s love I say THANK YOU!

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