Weekly Devotional 4-22-2012 Clinging to Promises

John 14:18-20 **18**“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19** Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20** In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

 As I would sink deeper into the darkness of the pit and fall off the wagon and back into the life I so wanted to leave behind, I would also cling to the promises in the Bible that God loved me no matter what I had done or where I was at and if I would trust in Him, He would see me through. Sometimes a promise is being delayed because of words you have spoken. The promise is still in your future but you have to believe with faith that things are going to change for you. Things may seem impossible but nothing is impossible with God. All He wants to do is be in your heart and your mind first. Then the comfort of God and all the peace of His love will overwhelm you and bring you back to where He is destining you to go.

 You have to let go of all the junk in your trunk, all the depression, all the hurt, just say to God I give it all to You I cannot handle it. He will take it and replace it with His love and comfort. The book of Philippians is one of the greatest books of promises in the bible, study it, feel it, know it, so you can recall it to your mind whenever you feel life pulling you down. We have to remember that this life is only a test this is not the end by no means. It is the beginning of a life we have no conception of, a life without pain and heartache, a life without valleys and mountains, a life full of praise and worship and joy and happiness which our human mind cannot conceive. We must think as a child, see through the eyes of a child, look beyond what is starring us in the face, look beyond what is pulling us down, believe beyond what anyone else is telling us, and believe God is there He never leaves!

 You may be reading this and thinking ya sure it is easy for you Michelle, you have been on this journey for years. (Yes I have been with up and down episodes), you are thinking I am just getting started and it does not come that easy for me. Well let me share something with you it is not easy, there is nothing easy about it, you are turning over a new leaf, a new chapter to your book of life, and God wants to be there with you but open up your windows of faith and God will open up the doors that need to be opened so you can fulfill your greatest potential.