

The Stuff He Uses

Have you heard the new song Francesca Battistelli sings? I think that this song must have been written just for me. Actually this song speaks volumes of truth for all of us. You've got to hear it. It is on our Facebook page. For now allow me to share the lyrics:

This Is The Stuff :

I lost my keys in the great unknown
And call me please 'Cuz I can't find my phone

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This is the stuff that's getting to me lately
In the middle of my little mess
I forget how big I'm blessed
This is the stuff that gets under my skin
But I gotta trust You know exactly what You're doing
It might not be what I would choose
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Sirens and fines while I'm running behind
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Wow! Can you relate? Somehow in our Christian walk many of us have mistakenly believed that once we had decided to follow Christ our lives would be perfect. I remember many years ago erroneously believing that the ministry of Christian Counseling would be boring. I had no clue about the tough things facing Christians daily. Recently I heard a pastor actually refer to ministry as messy. I've heard others say that our misery becomes our ministry. Fortunately as Francesca's song reminds us..."this is the stuff (He) uses.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) says ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who ^[i] have been called according to his purpose.

I was touched last week when I heard a minister preach from James 1:2-4 (NIV) It says 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. Notice it says "whenever" not "if." If Jesus' very own disciples went through things how can we think we will be exempt?

Fortunately we may go through tough times, but we are not alone. Our faith has taught us how to respond to situations. Frequently it is our response to a crisis that makes all the difference. We must guard ourselves against fear, anger, hopelessness, bitterness, and a host of other responses which would give the enemy a foothold.

As I look around me I think that it is time to put the hip boots on. No one can deny that there are troubles all around us. We must cling to Him! Psalm 91:15 NIV says He will call upon me, and I will answer him, I will be with him in time of trouble, I will deliver and honor him. Aren't you glad you aren't alone in your mess?