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SPECIAL NOTE: This newsletter is actually coming to you in mid-February. Please forgive me for the delay! Living in the RV with all our stuff in storage made it almost impossible to carry on with A Woman's Place ministry. But I want you to know, I'm up and running again, and going full-steam ahead!! God bless you!

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Can you believe it—2001—what will the Lord do this year! The actual beginning of a new millennium! With all my heart, I pray that this will be the year that Jesus comes.

What a time this month has been! Brother Doty and I—along with our two cats, Mary and Martha—left Nebraska on December 4<sup>th</sup> to begin our trek into our new life in Sacramento, CA. Needless to say, the pets were not happy campers. They were being forced to leave their home where they had ample room to run and play and scamper up and down the stairs. Being imprisoned in a moving car and motel rooms was not their idea of fun.

And then—when we arrived in Sacramento, we were given the privilege of living in an RV at the church until we found a house. We were thankful and felt truly blessed. But...well....coming from four bedrooms and two baths...we are quite cramped for space. Brother Doty and I had once considered buying an RV and actually living in it all the time—well, we have changed our minds...(Please remember to pray for our evangelists who travel in these things full-time—I have a new appreciation for them!)

When we set out to look for a new home to purchase here, we met with bad news. The housing was at such a premium! Truly a seller's market! Not enough houses to go around. We found several gorgeous homes, but by the time we would go to put in an offer, there were several offers already ahead of ours—and for much more than the purchase price! This became discouraging after awhile! But God is good and led us to the one He wanted for us. (Yes, I believe that God cares about such things as where we live and the other details of our lives.)

Before leaving Nebraska, the miracle of selling our home was accomplished. We thought... Houses were not selling in Nebraska. There it was a BUYER'S market. It was dead winter. But God was good and sent a buyer. So when we left, we felt secure that the closing would go as planned in mid-January. However—we ran into countless problems. We found we had been deceived by real estate people back in Nebraska, and nothing went as it should have. It was one awful blow after another and it looks like we're going to end up losing a LOT of money—which we cannot afford to do.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding...”  
Proverbs 3:5

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At this point, we are trusting God with all our might! We are clinging to this scripture. It is hard, folks! But it is a sure thing that God is in control. We constantly are reminding ourselves of three things—God loves us; God is very, very intelligent; and God is still in control.

I guess you could call that my “message” for this month. TRUST IN THE LORD! He DOES love you, and He DOES care what you are going through. We so often don't understand why things are the way they are. But when we live lives that are committed to Him and His will, we can rest in the knowledge that HE knows, and that HE is working all things together for our good. Hang in there, ladies, whatever you might be going through. Look to Him! Keep your eyes on Him! Focus on Him! Because the next verse, verse 6, says, “In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”

See you next month, with “the rest of the story...”

God bless you,  
Your friend,  
Lynda Allison Doty

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