

Words of Life

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“ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE; FOR THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE WAY IS EASY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND THOSE WHO ENTER BY IT ARE MANY. FOR THE GATE IS NARROW AND THE WAY IS HARD, THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.” Matthew 7:13–14

With all the natural frontiers part of history and the only pioneers we see anymore are in the movies or on TV — Jesus beckons us and says, “I have new frontiers that are yet undiscovered. Come and follow me and I will show you what eye cannot see and you will hear what ear cannot hear. For there is a kingdom of joy, peace and righteousness prepared for those who will dedicate themselves as totally as the pioneers who left all to come to America, or those daring pioneers who left homelands, friends, families and possessions on the East coast and travelled over desert and mountains to the West.”

What a challenge! This is the Jesus I met in 1967. He let me know that it was either full commitment or you won't make it. So I held my nose and dived in.

Now in 1967-68, many others began this pioneering walk, but I watched as one after another began to drop away. Some couldn't stand the pain of being stripped of all the old nature. For some the persecution and loss of reputation was too much of a blow to their pride. Some couldn't give up their family and friends; for some the love of money and prestige blinded their eyes. There were those who could not understand a God who refuses to cuddle and baby the flesh... and on and on — I saw them drop by the wayside.

Most of Christianity does not even know the gospel of the cross and the journey from one world into another. Most people never allow God to put the yoke upon them. And then there are those who start in the yoke and hate the disciplining so much they pull it off and run free and then pretend they are walking with God. They do their own thing — go their own way and say, “God is with me,” when the fact is — He is not in charge of their lives at all. Some piously go to a church that He never was in and they use His name in vain thinking they are children of God. This is the sham of Christianity. Please begin thinking of your “Christian” experience. Is your old life crucified? Have you suffered the pain of the cross and entered the resurrection? Or is your walk just worthless religion?

Before another decade passes, God's wrath will begin to shake the deceived people of America. Pray He comes and causes each and every one of us to repent and take that painful, challenging journey back to Him. Either we will have Christ rule over us or God will send in a foreign, heartless country to rule over us.

We are making choices daily that will prepare us for the disruptive days ahead. Are you for Him or against Him? Will God bypass the “Christian” church and go to another people? Our destiny is in our own hands. What will you do with it?



Marie Kolasinski

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DEAREST FRIENDS,

There are so many changes that are taking place at Piecemakers. Let me share all of them with you. First off — the day before escrow closed on our Julian house, the buyers bought another house. Evidently God wants us to keep the house at least for the time being. Because of the need for extra help upstairs here, we are limiting the Julian classes to twice a month. That leaves the house for rent two weekends a month and every week Monday through Thursday. For a rest in the tall pines of the San Diego Mountains, spend some days in Julian. Fishing nearby at Lake Cuyamaca.

Another wonderful thing has been added to our cabinet makers. Besides our custom-made cabinets and furniture, they are now installing modulars. These are ready-made beautiful cabinets — well-planned space for a fraction of the cost of custom-made cabinets. Shortly we will have samples in the store. Call Debbie or Kerry for estimates on renewing your kitchen, bath or garage.

Now the big news is the opening of our Village upstairs. For those of you who haven't been in to see the treasures in the little village upstairs, please don't deprive yourself any longer. Besides having a bedroom full of doilies, dolls, wallhangings, antique furniture, etc., we have an all-season room with fun decorating items for all the holidays. Then there is the potpourri room. Surely there is nothing like it anywhere in the world.

Our little Tea Room emits aromas of cookies and scones being baked every day. The little Scotch lass with the apron is Norma. You will see her bustling around making sure there is fresh tea, coffee and some delicious crumpet to snack on while you rest and chat with the other shoppers.

If you want the best in hair styling for the least amount of money, visit "Sal's Place". Sally's hours take her into night service for the working ladies.

Then there is "The Fig Leaf" — clothes for all sizes in styles found nowhere but Piecemakers — some made by our own designers. Our lines of jewelry are the tops in the county, or could I stretch it and say the country? Some jewelry is designed right here in Orange County.

Now we're not forgetting Mary Cardin, well-known for her unbelievably unique artistry. Her art pieces will surely be here long after Mary. Be sure and buy one of these priceless, timeless pieces of art. Also chat with Mary who is usually busy teaching a class or painting in her studio/gallery. She is as interesting as her artwork.

For fresh new books for children, and cards for all the family, visit our card and book room upstairs opposite the all-season room.

The first sight to see as you enter the little village is a country window and a room full of very special collector item gifts. For that special wedding gift or birthday, don't forget to visit this small treasure house halfway down the hallway.

Now, last but surely not the least, the village crafters at the end of the hall (or the beginning) depending on which door you enter this little village, are bursting at the seams with handcrafted, continuously new items, and that certain gift that makes life a little brighter. One or two crafters are busy chatting and doing their thing — creating. So visit with them; get to know them like we have. Their gifts and their lives are truly an experience.

I always forget to remind all of you to visit our country kitchen. It is tucked away behind the cash register downstairs, and many people don't know it is there. We just got in a complete line of pewter. What a gift! What a treasure for

your home! We have rolling pins of all shapes and sizes, cookie cutters, cookie molds, cookbooks, pottery, and on and on. Please, if you're looking for that special gift, go no further. You'll find it right here at Piecemakers.

Watch for a drastic reduction in our dried flowers, paper ribbon and French wired ribbon. Also, don't miss the 1/2 off table on the landing going upstairs. There are regular store items for 1/2 off.

Have I "gone on" long enough? I'll say farewell until next time. May the God who parted the Red Sea and wrought many wonderful miracles, continue to work in this wonderful nation with all of us and perform that unbelievable miracle of bringing forth a new creation free from sin.

God bless you all,

Marie