

# Sew Precious In His Sight

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## **Are you focused and on the right track?**

I, for one, can lose focus from time to time on doing the Lords work and get caught up in the busy work, and not focusing on what we are really about and why we work so hard to meet those needs at the hospital. The following letter was written by one of the young pastors of my church after I had shared with him that I was having a “burn out” day of feeling the load of getting the next news letter out; so he kindly offered to write the October newsletter.

Luke 7:47 reads “Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little. Recently, God brought this scripture to my heart during a quiet Bible study as I reflected upon my current work within the ministry. As a full-time Associate Pastor, it is very easy to lose sight of your calling and allow the work of ministry to turn into a job. I have learned that if the enemy can lead me to embrace my calling as that of a job and not that of ministry, I subsequently can lose the purpose within my heart for God’s calling. Rather than see people and opportunities at church as a means for continued ministry, I inadvertently will possess a heart that goes through the motions without any real emotion. I believe this is why this passage of scripture is so powerful when fully understood.

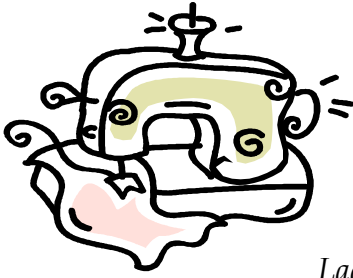
Beginning in verse 37 of the same chapter, we are told that a woman who had lived a sinful life, came to the house Jesus was in and begin to pour perfume upon his feet. With a deluge of tears and only her long hair, she wiped his feet. This activity caught the attention of a Pharisee who was repulsed that someone would do such a thing. It was in his opinion, a disgrace. In examining these two individuals, I saw the contrast between those who are caught up in the “acts” of ministry and those who are living in the “work” of ministry.

This woman gave all she had because she understood the difference Christ made in her life. Our religious Pharisee was too caught up in trying to do the work that he missed Christ. Here’s the point: Working for the Lord can often be time-consuming and tiresome. At times we can feel burnt-out doing the same old things and ministry can become monotonous. Once someone finds themselves here what quickly follows is a disgruntled spirit like that of the religious Pharisee. Let’s not forget what Christ has done for us. As verse 47 reads, this woman loved much because she understood what it meant to be forgiven much.

Let me encourage you in your ministry: Go forth and love much because you too have been forgiven much. I believe when you keep that focus, the ministry the Lord has given to you will continue to be a joy of “activity” and not “work.”

Keep Serving. Keep Loving. God Bless.  
Bro Brian Canuteson

Thanks Bro Brian, for the words of encouragement, Sissy



*Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Start Your Engines  
Your Sewing Machine*

**Save this date...April 22-25, 2010**

The 2010 **National Threads of Love Conference** will be held April 22-25 at First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC, located just south of the Charlotte, NC area. Come and enjoy the beauty of springtime in the Carolinas, learn some new skills and charge your TOL spiritual "batteries".

Our conference theme will be "Racin' into Spring" and we have several new classes planned around time-saving tips and shortcuts. Here is just a partial list of some of the classes we have planned:

- ⇒ Speedy isolette covers
- ⇒ Vest shortcuts and embellishment
- ⇒ Bereavement gown basic construction and embellishment
- ⇒ Angel dolls, beginner crochet, knitting classes
- ⇒ Scrap booking
- ⇒ Sewing buddies
- ⇒ Handwork classes like smocking and embroidery
- ⇒ Chapter organization

We'll also have Thursday Bonus Day Tours for those coming in early, plenty of fun and fellowship and activities for spouses, prize drawings, contests (get your bereavement gowns ready..) and a special prize for the chapter with the most participants attending.

Information/registration packets will be ready for you all by mid November. We hope to see some familiar faces as well as lots of new friends! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Myers at [susan@charlottethreadsoflove.org](mailto:susan@charlottethreadsoflove.org) or 704-782-0828.

**See You There!**

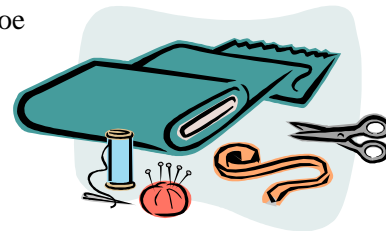


## **MAIL BOX...**

My name is Sommer and my niece, Alexis was a preemie at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham Alabama. She was born exactly 30 days early and was put into the NICU for hypothermia. I want to thank you very much. Your generous gift came in very handy during her 10 day stay at the hospital and still does. Thank you!  
-God Bless, Sommer

Thank you for the sweet baby clothes and blankets for my baby. I was touched to learn of your organization. What a perfect name for what you do. Isabella was born early and weighed 1 lb. and was only 11 inches long. Today, she's 2 lbs! Thanks to the loving care of so many people, including you. Thank you for adding a warm touch to the NICU. Please keep Isabella in your prayers.  
-Rosemary & Wayne

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the clothes and blankets! I cried when I saw those clothes. It is the sweetest thing ever. We also put the sock toys in their incubators so they will watch over them while we are gone. Your group of ladies are so special and you all have huge hearts. We love you all. I wish the girls could meet each one of you because they would love the ladies that went out of their way to make them feel comfortable and special  
-Wendy and Joe



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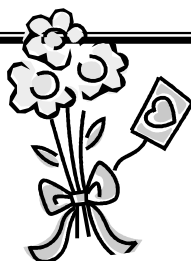
**M**y wife and I lost our son, James Michael, who entered this world stillborn at 24 weeks gestation and weighing just 10.1 ounces, on July 22 at Woman's hospital. While my wife was in labor and after her delivery, the nurses at Woman's provided us with beautiful clothing provided by Threads of Love. Because he was so small, dressing our son would have been a difficult challenge. Words cannot express the relief and gratitude that we have for what Threads of Love provided us during that difficult time. During the precious time we spent with James, he was wearing a gown and covered with a blanket provided by Treads of Love. Also, we were fortunate enough to be able to bury James in a perfect white dressing gown provided by your foundation. We have been amazed by the generosity of your volunteers. We can't believe that so many people provide such skill and time to strangers. Thank you and your volunteers for the love and support you provide.  
-Sincerely, Scott and Margaret

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**M**y name is Kelly. I just wanted to thank you all so very much. I lost my son at 20 weeks March 2, 2009. I was so very upset and was so very surprised to see my son dressed and with blankets. I was very emotional and this helped me so much. I just wanted to let you ladies know that what you do is a very special thing and you are very blessed women. I cannot thank you all enough. Just know what you do means so much to people who are going through the worst time in their lives.

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**T**he little packet for our triplets was a great comfort and met a great need. Who would have thought that we would have had little dresses that just fit our tiny babies! Thank you so much. This memory will be kept until we see them in Heaven. God bless your work.  
-Beverly, a grateful great-grandmother



### Thought for the day

If God had a refrigerator, your picture  
would be on it  
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it  
He sends you flowers every spring  
He sends you a sunrise every morning  
Face it friend - He is crazy about you!

God didn't promise days without pain  
Laughter without sorrow  
Sun without rain, but  
He did promise strength for the day  
Comfort for the tears and  
Light for the way  
If God brings you to it, He will bring you  
through it!





## *Threads of Love Newest Chapters*

God's Little Angles - TOL  
Darlene Brown  
Birmingham, AL

Threads of Love  
Kayla Johnson  
Pooler, GA

Threads of Love  
Julie Alexander  
Florida City, FL

Isaiah's Threads of Love  
Kandis Tubb  
North Liberty, IN

Heart of the East - TOL  
Francine Cooke  
Winterville, NC

Threads of Love for Julie  
Cindy A. Sanford  
Morris, AL

Bertlin's Mom - TOL  
Lynn Brewer  
Ashland City, TN

Littlest Angels - TOL  
Beverly Aucoin  
Baton Rouge, LA

### *The Secret*

One day, one friend asked another,  
How is it that you are always so happy?  
You have so much energy,  
and you never seem to get down?

With her eyes smiling, she said,  
I know the Secret!  
What secret is that?  
To which she replied,  
I 'll tell you all about it,  
but you have to promise to  
share the Secret with others.

The Secret is this:  
I have learned there is little I can do  
in my life that will make me truly happy  
I must depend on God to make  
me happy and to meet my needs.  
When a need arises in my life,  
I have to trust God to supply  
according to HIS riches.  
I have learned most of the time  
I don 't need half of what I think I do.  
He has never let me down.  
Since I learned that ' Secret, I am happy.

The questioner 's first thought was,  
That 's too simple!  
But upon reflecting over her own life  
she recalled how she thought a bigger house  
would make her happy, but it didn't!  
She thought a better paying job  
would make her happy, but it hadn't.  
When did she realize her greatest happiness?  
Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren,  
playing games, eating pizza or reading a  
story,  
a simple gift from God.

Now you know it too!  
We can 't depend on people to make us  
happy.  
Only GOD in His infinite wisdom can do  
that.  
Trust HIM!  
And now I pass the Secret on to you!  
So once you get it, what will you do?

YOU have to tell someone the Secret, too!  
That GOD in His wisdom will take care of  
YOU!  
But it 's not really a secret...  
We just have to believe it and do it..  
Really trust God!

## **The Special Grocery List**

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work and they had seven children and needed food.

The grocer scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said "please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can". The grocer told her he could not give her credit since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer agreed and asked her "do you have a list"? He told her to put her grocery list on the scales and whatever her lists weighs, he would give her that amount in groceries.

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it".

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance, so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in disgust. Finally he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list at all, it was a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, You know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. She thanked him and left the store, while the customer paid the grocer and said, "it was worth every penny of it. Only God knows how much a prayer weighs".

**There are four things that  
you cannot recover in life:**

- (1) The Stone.....after it's  
thrown**
- (2) The Word.....after  
it's said**
- (3) The Occasion.....after it's  
missed**
- (4) The Time.....after  
it's gone.**



**Daylight Savings Time  
ends November 1. Be  
sure to set your clocks  
back 1 hour before  
going to bed on  
October 31!**

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### **Mission Statement**

Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of tiny premature infants. The ministry is about healing and binding hearts together - the hearts of parents at a time of uncertainty about their baby's health or when they lose an infant. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donation, His work can and will continue. Pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

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*Look back and thank God.*

*Look forward and trust God.*

*Look around and serve God.*

*Look within and find God!"*