Early in the Morning

By Debbie Votaw

One morning I arrived early to work. Sitting in my office, I realized how quiet it was there all alone. I could hear the clocks ticking and the air conditioner running. Now I am not a morning person but sometimes I like to get up early, make a cup of coffee and sit in the quiet to listen to the silence. It is so peaceful and calming before starting a long, busy day. In the office before anyone has arrived, it seems like the calm before the storm. In a few short minutes, everyone will start arriving. Doors will fling open, file cabinets will clang open and closed, the copy machine will run over and over. But for this moment, I am alone, it is still and quiet. Even though I prayed and read my Bible already I thought, this is a good time to do it again this morning. Just spend a little extra time with the Lord. Jesus enjoyed the quiet time as well. In Mark 6:45-46 it says, "Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray." And Mark 5:16 says, "So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." So if Jesus had the need to get away from it all and spend time in prayer, shouldn't we do the same? I encourage you to take some time each day to do your devotions and have prayer time. But then take at least one day per week to really withdraw to a quiet place, to a place of solitude and really spend some time with your Heavenly Father. He wants to have those intimate times with us rather than those rushed moments of quick devotions before heading off to somewhere else or the interruptions and busyness begin for the day. When was the last time you did that? In Mark 6:12 it says, "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God." Make the time to spend with God. There is so much craziness in this world right now and there are lots of things to pray for. And I am sure you have much to pray for in your own world; family, friends, situations, finances, illnesses, relationships.

PRAY= Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield

Word of the Month -TRUST-

Total confidence in another, to believe, rely upon, depend upon. Do you trust God in all areas of your life? Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding

Fun Facts About September

Sept 2—World Coconut Day Sept 3—Lazy Mom's Day & Doodle Day Sept 4—Cowgirl Day Sept 5—Bacon Day Sept 6—Labor Day Sept 8—Grandparents Day Sept 11—Remember Freedom Day Sept 13—International Chocolate Day Sept 17—Bright Pink Lipstick Day Sept 26—Johnny Appleseed Day Sept 29—International Coffee Day September Flower– Aster & Morning Glory

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Janet's Kitchen

Quiche

1 uncooked deep dish pie crust

4 eggs 1 pint half and half

1-pound shredded jack cheese

Add seasoning salt and pepper to taste

Options: ¹/₂ cup diced ham, ¹/₂-diced cooked sausage 1-cup broccoli pieces, steamed for 8 minutes

Place cheese and options in pie dish. In a bowl mix the beaten eggs, half-and-half, season salt, pepper and pour into pie shell. Bake at 350° for about 1 hour. To reheat: in oven @ 300° for about 20 minutes.

French Muffins

1/3 cup margarine 1 egg ¹/₂ cup sugar

1-1/2 cup flour $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

1-1/2 teaspoon baking powder ¹/₂ teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 cup milk

Cinnamon sugar mixture:

¹/₂ cup Sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Melted butter

In a mixing bowl blend together until smooth margarine, sugar and egg. Add the remaining ingredients. Pour batter into greased muffin pan and bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Dip tops of muffins into melted margarine and then coat with cinnamon sugar mixture.

Serve with fruit and yogurt



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Morning Bible Study--Every Monday at church (9am) Tuesday Night Study– 6:30 pm All invited, no child care

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The Chosen 40 Days With Jesus Devotion Books I & II

By Amanda Jenkins, Kristen Hendricks, and Dallas Jenkins

After watching The Chosen tv series, I have enjoyed going through these devotion books as they take us on a journey with Jesus through the eyes of the real people whose lives He absolutely transformed with His words, love, and deeds. Imagine what it would be like to walk the dusty roads of those characters who encountered the Messiah. That is what you are going to find in these beautiful and powerful devotions. Take the Chosen journey these next 40/80 days. Read and reflect on these devotions. Digest them as food for your soul. And then write them in your heart, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God.

