

Dan's Devotion: I Surrender

It was pointed out to me recently that last year at about Christmas time I wrote a devotion complaining about the lack of snow before Christmas. Oh, what a difference a year makes. As I look out the window and watch the snow come down once again, I'm ready to say, that's enough. I like snow. In fact, I don't even mind winter in general, but it's time to call off the dogs. For crying out loud, this is Iowa not Antarctica. So, I'm waving the white flag. I surrender. Winter wins.

Aren't we fickle as humans? It's always something: too hot or too cold (in Iowa that could be in the same day), too wet or too dry, too busy or too bored. We're happy one day and sad the next. Our house isn't nice enough. We need a new car. We don't make enough money. We're tired of our jobs. Our kids are always fighting. Our bodies feel old. We're sick again. The list could go on and on about the kinds of things that we complain about.

I think this might be a good time to give ourselves a little pep talk. Is it really that bad? Are we really suffering that much? I don't want to minimize your situation, but I do want to remind you of this. If you are a Christ follower, you have everything you need. And no matter what our current situation is, we have Christ in our lives and that is absolutely incredible. Colossians 2:10 says, "*You have been given fullness in Christ.*" Ponder that for a moment.... At the end of a good meal, we are full. We don't need anything else to eat. We are satisfied. If we have Christ in our lives, we should be full also. We don't need anything else. It's easy to forget that. Let's remember to live and act like Christ is all we need instead of always longing for something else.

By that way, I'm pretty sure that we are about done with this winter stuff. We've never had 12 straight months of winter before. It just seems like it. Just hang on a little longer and remember the fullness that you have in Christ.

Stay warm,

Dan