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Dear Friends,

What's one word you would use to describe how you are doing with everything going on? I'd love to hear. Earlier today as we waited for others to join our Cru national call, we were asked that question. Wanting to give a real answer, I by-passed saying "good." Reflecting for a minute I realized an accurate descriptive word is *dependent*.

You know how it can be with reading the Bible; God says something new to you from a passage you have read many times before. That's how it's been with me in my current read in Joshua. In the first few verses God called Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the land God gave them and assured Joshua that He would be with Him. I thought about the different details in these verses and then reflected upon how that translated to me.

God's call in my life continues to be to help fulfill the Great Commission - making disciples of Jesus. Like God made promises to Joshua, He has also made promises to me. He is with me. If I abide in Him and He in me, I will bear much fruit. John 15:5. A branch abiding in the vine is dependent. In my life and ministry I am dependent upon God in every way!

I'd like to highlight one way in particular: I need wisdom. If you recall, this summer I have been a teaching assistant for Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies. One of the assignments I graded for a theology class was about the attributes of God. What one student wrote about the wisdom of God really struck me: *Wisdom is God knowing everything and how everything relates to everything else, and knowing the best way to effect His purposes through everything. Knowing the best thing to do, in the best way, at the best time, for the best effect.*

Wow, I really need God's wisdom! I don't know everything. I don't know how everything relates to everything else. I don't know the best way to accomplish God's purposes.

What is God doing in these days? How does He want to use me? Cru? How do I lead the team leaders, especially now? They face more challenges than I can list or even know. And on and on I can go.

Please pray for me and for the New England Team Leaders:

- To slow down and listen to the Lord.
- For us to abide in Christ and Him in us.
- For us to seek God's wisdom and guidance and not just assume we know what to do.

Living the dependent life assures us that God will bear fruit through our partnership to His glory. It's so great being in this with you. Thank you.

Dependent,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz".