

# American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.” Author unknown

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“You must regulate your life by the standards you admire when you are at your best.”

John M. Thomas

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“Creditors have better memories than debtors.” Author unknown

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“We know not where our dreams will take us, but we can probably see quite clearly where we’ll go without them.” Marilyn Grey

## American Update

The American National/International Championship this past weekend in Denton was a record setting with the highest participation and attendance we have ever had. We also set a record on the Live Video Stream on Saturday with over 9,000 viewers! It was beautiful weather and a great experience for all. We had to cut off our registration at the deadline with the record setting number of teams. Plan now to attend in 2011.

Today our Summer Camp brochure was mailed to directors. If you would like to have a brochure sent to you by e-mail, simply reply to this message and request for it to be sent. It will be in a PDF format. We are excited about the summer camps ahead with hotel camps held at “4 diamond” resorts as well as the top colleges in the country. We offer curriculum for dance officers, social officers, teams as well as individuals. If you are interested in a private camp, make sure to complete the online request and a custom bid will be sent to you within 48 hours of your request.

## Inspiration of the Week

### Sisters . . .

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her Mother. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter.

"Don't forget your Sisters," she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass.

"They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need Sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. "Remember that 'Sisters' means ALL the women... your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too. "You'll need other women. Women always do." What a funny piece of advice!" the young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup! Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile!"

But she listened to her Mother. She kept contact with her Sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her Mom really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, Sisters are the mainstays of her life.

After more than 50 years of living in this world, here is what I've learned:

**Time passes.**

**Life happens.**

**Distance separates.**

**Children grow up.**

**Jobs come and go.**

**Love waxes and wanes.**

**People don't do what they're supposed to do.**

**Hearts break.**

**Parents die.**

**Colleagues forget favors.**

**Careers end.**

**BUT.....**

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach. When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end. Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you...Or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life! The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Every day, we need each other still. Pass this on to all the women who help make your life meaningful. I just did.

**Short and very sweet:**

There are more than twenty angels in this world. Ten are peacefully sleeping on clouds. Nine are playing. And one is reading her email at this moment.

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